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Opus Dei, Focolare clout seen as factor in conclave

By Lito B. Zulueta

ROME—The first papal conclave in the 21st century will also mark the first time that traditional lay movements, such as Opus Dei and Focolare—often painted in media as shadowy groups—may land their champion in the papacy.

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BIR to Church: You're next

It's tax-exempt but not rentals, selling rosaries, etc.

By Armand N. Nocum

CHURCH leaders, including priests and ministers, and religious organizations will not be spared in the government campaign against tax cheats.

Bureau of Internal Revenue Commissioner Guillermo Parayno pledged that much in an interview with the INQUIRER, saying his staff was now going over the financial records of church people and religious groups to see whether or not they had been paying taxes.

Asked if the BIR had any particular influential church leader under investigation now, with a view to charging him with tax evasion to deliver a clear message to the religious sector, Parayno replied: "If there is one, give me his name, test me."

The BIR, which missed by 2.2 percent its March collection target of P36.8 billion, created a splash this week when it announced the filing of a tax evasion case against actor Richard Gomez over his alleged failure to declare and pay taxes from 2000 to 2003.

Parayno said that, although religious leaders and their organizations were largely exempt from paying taxes, they would not enjoy exemptions if they put up business establishments in their churches and buildings, or if they engaged in other forms of business.

"They must declare the income and pay taxes for those businesses," Parayno said in an interview Thursday.

The BIR and the Department of Finance have vowed to spare no sector in their so-called Run After Tax Evaders (RATE) campaign.

The campaign has resulted in the filing of tax evasion charges against a well-known basketball player, a doctor for actors and actresses, and a fitness columnist.

Taxes have always been a touchy issue for church leaders.

Last year, reacting to proposals to tax the Roman Catholic Church and other religious organizations, Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales suggested that, instead of taxing them, the government could release a portion of its tax collections to the churches for use in development projects.

The proposal to tax churches was spurred by a need for the government to increase its revenues and ease its fiscal difficulties.

Parayno did not specify which particular church groups the BIR was setting its sights on.

He said that, as a result of an accounting review of the records of church-related businesses, his office had been get-

BIR/ A20

A MEDAL PARADE honoring the United Nations' Filipino peacekeepers in Haiti turns mournful on Friday, the day after T/Sgt. Antonio Batomalaque from Davao was killed by local bandits in one of that country's most dangerous areas. Brazilian Army Gen. Augusto Heleno Ribeiro Pereira, commander of the UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti, salutes the 147 members of the Philippine contingent. At left is Philippine Permanent Representative to the UN Lauro Baja Jr.

AP

Peacekeeper's widow: Future suddenly uncertain

By Volt Contreras

THE WIDOW was anguished yet proud: "He was trained to serve Filipinos, but he died for humanity in a foreign land."

It was a fitting epitaph for the late Staff Sgt. Antonio Batomalaque, the Filipino soldier shot in Haiti on Thursday while serving with the United Nations peacekeeping force.

Reached by phone yesterday at the family home inside Camp Aguinaldo in Quezon City, Batomalaque's widow, Merly, was grieving but calm. She said her husband was the kind who "put duty ahead of family."

But with his passing, the future is suddenly uncertain, especially for their orphaned sons, sighed Merly, who works for the Social Security System.

The 37-year-old mother of three boys said all she could ask for at the moment was for the Philippine government to bring his body home as soon as possible and accord him "the appropriate burial and benefits."

"I'm still confused and groping," she said in Filipino. "Though I know it's part of his sworn duty, I have not yet accepted what happened."

While the Armed Forces have confirmed her husband's death in Haiti, "I won't believe it until I see his body," she said.

Batomalaque, 40, was the first casualty among the 147 Filipino military and police personnel sent last year to be part of the UN peacekeeping mission in the troubled Caribbean country.

The Department of Foreign Affairs said he died instantly after being shot in the head by still unidentified gunmen in Cité Soleil, a slum area in the capital city of Port-Au-Prince, where UN troops have had increasing clashes with politically aligned gangs.

Batomalaque was apparently not in combat posture when fired upon. The DFA said he was helping lay pipes for a road project along with peacekeepers from other countries.

DFA spokesperson Gilberto Asuque said that as of yesterday, the Philippine government had yet to receive word on when Batomalaque's remains would be flown home.

Merly described her husband as "a responsible father and a dedicated soldier"—but he often proved more like the latter, having missed many important family occasions because of his duty.

He was not around, for example, when the eldest of their three boys graduated from grade school last month. "He promised to make up for it. And now this happened," she said.

Batomalaque, a high school graduate, was in the military service for 20 years. A member of the elite Army Scout Rangers, he saw action in Mindanao when he was still single and was last posted at the Camp Aguinaldo hospital before he was tapped to be part of the Haiti-bound Philippine contingent.

PEACEKEEPER/ A21

Papal bets: Great intellect, unusual personal traits

By Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

MOST, if not all, of the cardinal-electors, the men-who-could-be-pope, are men of great intellect and high education.

A good number of them are *peritus,* or theological experts, and it is only God who can judge the quality of their inner life and the fruits of their spirituality. But underneath the church raiment breathe men with varied backgrounds and interests—and sometimes unusual personal attributes.

France's Cardinal Philippe Barbarin, 55, is a marathon runner. Sorbonne-educated, he is described as a "genuine intellectual" and is skilled in media relations.

In his youth, Peru's Cardinal Juan Luis

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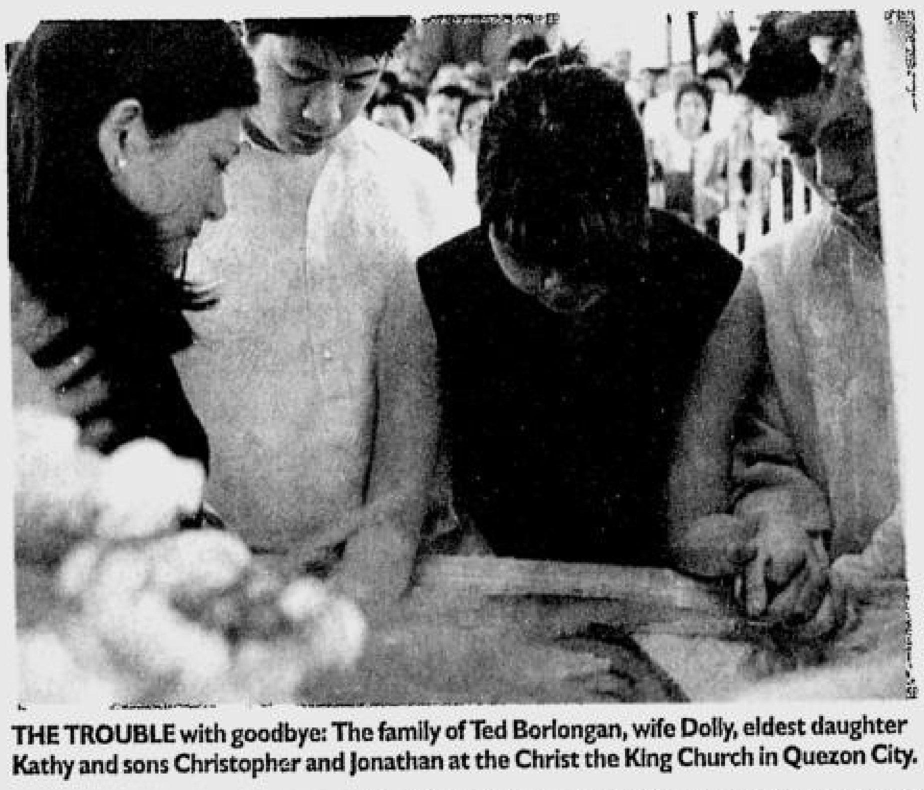
Friends send Ted off with favorite cigar, brandy



JOAN BONDOC

THE TROUBLE with goodbye: The family of Ted Borlongan, wife Dolly, eldest daughter Kathy and sons Christopher and Jonathan at the Christ the King Church in Quezon City.

By Tina G. Santos

WHENEVER he was in a jolly mood, Teodoro "Ted" Borlongan would light an expensive Cuban cigar or take a shot or two of brandy.

His friends made sure there were Cuban cigars and a bottle of his favorite brandy inside the casket when Borlongan was laid to rest beside his parents at the Loyola Memorial Park in Marikina yesterday.

"Maybe it was Peter's [friend Peter Huang] way of making Ted's last trip more enjoyable," said running priest Fr. Robert Reyes, who was Borlongan's spiritual adviser.

Green, the corporate colors of Urban Bank, became the color of mourning and protest yesterday as Borlongan's former colleagues at the bank all came dressed in green.

They also carried placards that said: "RIP Urban Bank, RIP Ted Borlongan, RIP Philippine Justice System?"

Borlongan, the former president of Urban Bank, was found dead inside his Nissan pickup at the same memorial park last Monday. He had apparently shot himself in the head.

Borlongan was buried beside his parents' graves, the same spot where he was last seen alive on Monday.

Park caretakers said they had seen Borlongan bringing flowers to the graves of his parents and brother shortly before noon on Monday, just a few minutes before he shot himself.

Borlongan and Urban Bank made headlines in April 2000 when the bank was hit by massive withdrawals by depositors, forcing it to declare a bank holiday. The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas ordered it shut the next day.

The bank's closure on April 26, 2000, sparked a spate of lawsuits.

Borlongan protested the closure as "arbitrary," taking the case all the way to the Supreme Court.

In a bid to clear his name, he filed cases against several government agencies but these were all dismissed.

Severe depression over the Urban

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FORECAST: Visayas and Mindanao will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. Eastern and Southern Luzon will have partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy skies.
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Solon fires first salvo for Cha-cha

By Philip C. Tubeza

AN ADMINISTRATION congressman has declared the campaign to amend the 1987 Constitution as "officially begun" in the 13th Congress.

Batangas Rep. Hermilando Mandanas said his filing of House Resolutions 686, 687 and 688 "signals" the beginning of the process of amending or changing the Charter (Cha-cha) in accordance with Section 1, Article XVII of the Constitution.

The provision states that any constitutional amendments or revisions "may be proposed" by Congress, upon a vote of three-fourths of all its members, or by a constitutional convention.

Mandanas' three House resolutions would seek to change the term of office of all local elective officials, except barangay officers, from three years to four years; unite the executive and legislative functions of government in a parliamentary system, and create more autonomous regions in the country.

"These proposals are grounds to amend the Constitution," he said.

House Majority Leader Prospero Nograles said Congress would tackle the proposals to amend the country's basic law after it approves the last of the administration's proposed revenue measures, possibly by August.

"Congress has always stood for the need to amend the Constitution. It's just the manner of changing it, whether by constitutional convention or Congress turning itself into a constituent assembly. That has yet to be decided," he said.

The first of the bills, HB 686, proposes to change the term of House members and local elective officials from three to four years as their present term was "too short to allow them the reasonable period needed to render effective public service."

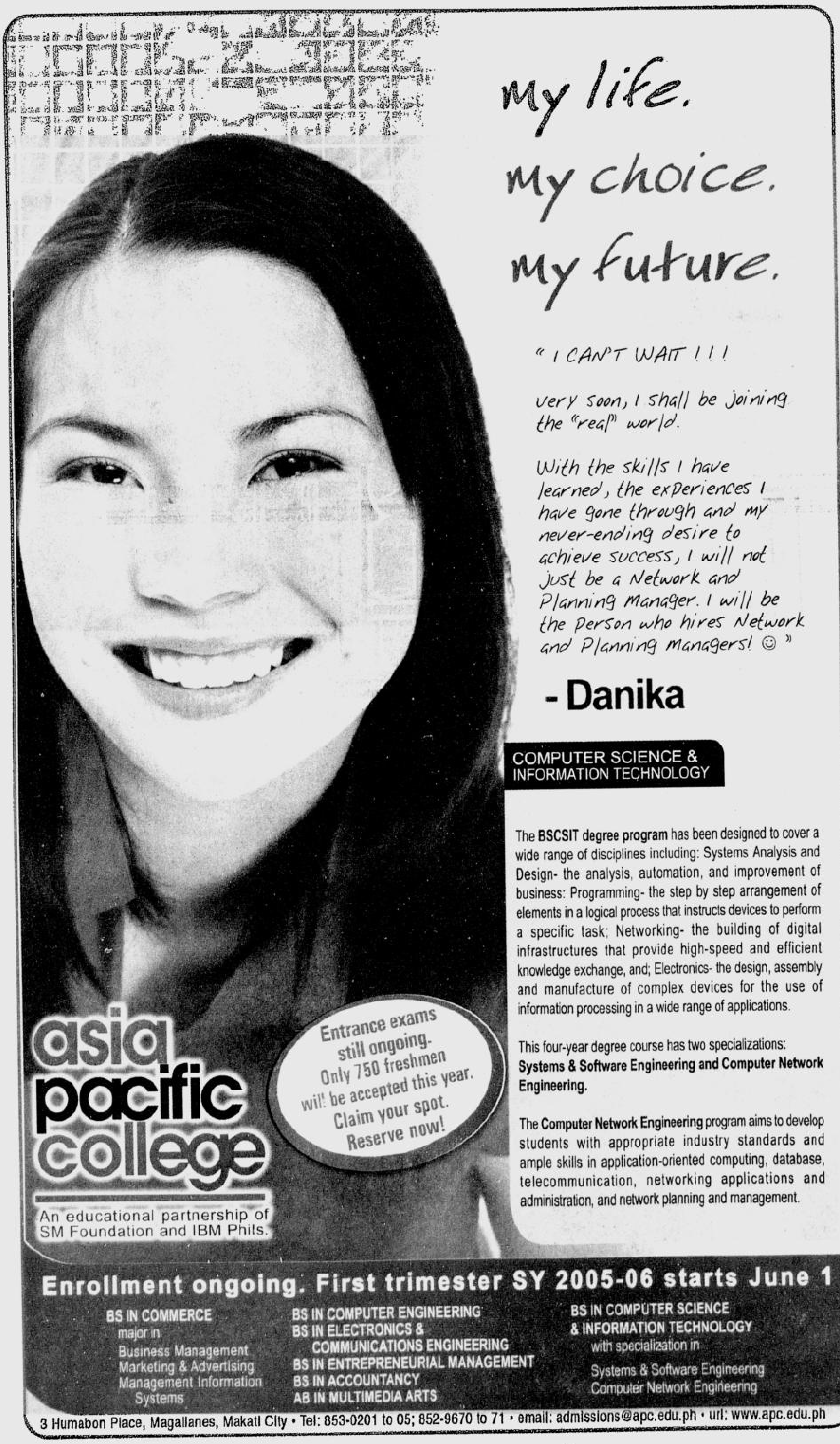
"It fails to provide the necessary stability and continuity of legislative process in Congress, and the time to formulate, implement and improve development plans and programs for the local governments," said Mandanas, a former three-term governor of Batangas.

Mandanas said that elections every three years were also a drain on the national treasury and this has caused "enormous repercussions" on the government's fiscal operations.

The measure proposes that the forthcoming May 2007 elections be reset to May 2008 and that incumbent elective officials be allowed to continue to hold office until noon of June 30, 2008.

Mandanas said the basis for a parliamentary system was the underlying observation that the "stringent check and balance system" of the executive and legislative branches has not done anything to hasten the country's growth and development.

Mandanas said his proposal for additional autonomous regions was based on the "principle of subsidiarity," which means that the functions and responsibilities of a lower unit of government would be best carried out by itself rather than a higher unit.



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Good luck, Palace tells opposition

By Gil Cabacungan Jr. and Philip C. Tubeza

GOOD luck.

This was Malacañang's curt message to the fractured opposition's plan to rally behind Susan Roces, widow of the late movie icon Fernando Poe Jr., as their symbol and inspiration.

"We wish them luck but it's a difficult job because it appears they have a lot of differences," said Gabriel Claudio, presidential adviser for political affairs.

In a phone interview with reporters, Claudio said the Arroyo administration was not at all threatened by the opposition's impending unification under the United National Opposition (UNO) spurred on by a feisty Roces.

"No [we're not threatened], as a matter of fact, we're glad if they would be able to get along with each other. What we are saying is that they still have a lot of issues to iron out. Let us just wait for further developments," Claudio said.

Roces attended the UNO meeting on Thursday night at Club Filipino, which was the first time the quarreling factions of the opposition were together in one room since the 2004 campaign season.

The main opposition party, Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino, was splintered last year when its chair, Sen. Edgardo Angara, picked Poe to be as the opposition standard-bearer largely because he appeared to have the best chance of offsetting the administration's political machinery.

The move miffed a number of LDP members including Sen. Panfilo Lacson who also campaigned for the presidency.

The UNO meeting was attended by Lacson's allies—San Juan Rep. Ronaldo Zamora, Iloilo Rep. Rolex Suplico and Makati Rep. Butz Aquino.

Roces had recently dropped plans to appeal a decision by the Supreme Court, sitting as the Presidential Electoral Tribunal, junking Poe's charges of massive cheating in the May elections.

Administration lawmakers yesterday called on Roces to heed Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez's advice for her to go slow "on her irresponsible tirades" against the Arroyo administration as they may border on sedition."

But Aquino said charging Roces with sedition would further agitate her supporters, who are already upset with the Supreme Court's dismissal of Poe's election protest and her petition to substitute for her late husband.

"If they do [charge her with sedition], it would be the biggest blunder they (administration) could commit," he said. "Right now, she is playing her cards very well. She's the opposition symbol and that's a perfect role for her."

Roces also impressed militant leader Renato Reyes Jr., secretary general of the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan, at the UNO meeting on Thursday.

"I was star-struck," admitted Reyes. *With Norman Bordadora*

2 Pinoys hurt in Iraq

BAGHDAD—Two Filipinos were slightly wounded yesterday when armed insurgents in three cars fired at the minibus they were traveling in between the city center and Baghdad airport, police said.

The Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs identified the two as Francisco Luz and Sheralyn Fontanilla, who both work for the American defense logistical support and service corps. The DFA said they did not sustain life-threatening injuries.

They returned to the US' Camp Victory in Baghdad after treatment of their wounds

Last year, the Philippines pulled out its token military contingent serving with US-led coalition forces in Iraq after militants threatened to behead a Filipino truck driver.

Large numbers of Filipino civilians, however, continue to work in Iraq, mainly in US military bases. Roberto "Bobby" Tarongoy, an accountant for a Saudi company, has been held hostage by insurgents since November. *Volt Contreras; AFP*

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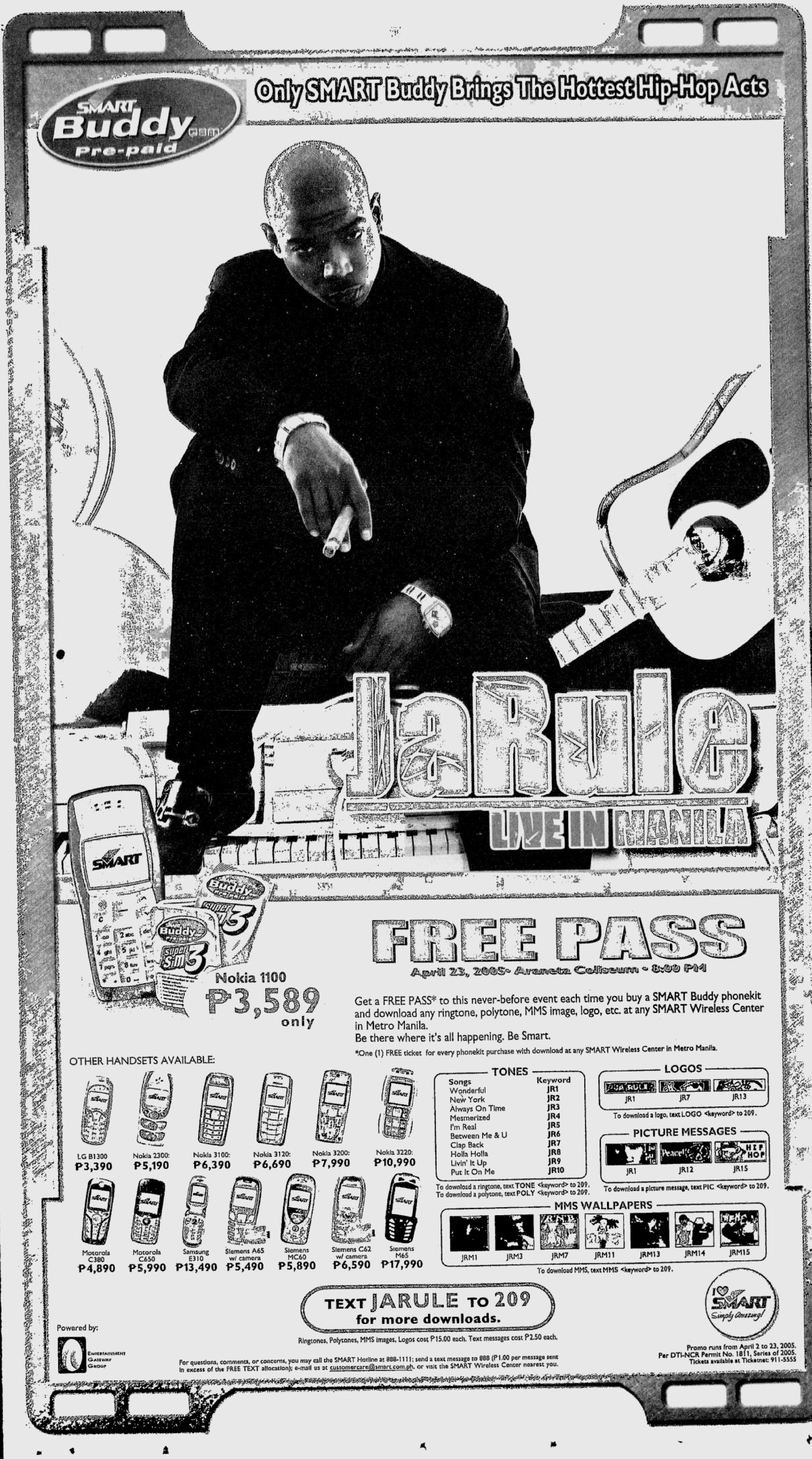

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I may've been hard-headed, sacked PCA chief admits

RESIGNED Philippine Coconut Authority administrator Evangeline Valbuena yesterday maintained that her obstinate opposition to the proposed P8.4-billion coconut hybrid project in Agusan del Sur caused her falling out with Malacañang.

"Maybe I have been too hard-headed and refused to abide by their orders," she said in an interview after a forum at the Sulo Hotel.

"I have stated and restated my objections to the project. It is now up to them to decide if they would still pursue the project," said Valbuena, who announced last Friday that she had submitted her resignation to the Palace.

But Malacañang official Rene Velasco, director general of the Philippine Information Agency, said Valbuena was fired from the PCA for refusing to work with her superiors.

Valbuena blew open the Agusan coco project controversy when she claimed last week that Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap had been pressuring her to support it, and failing that, recommended her removal from the PCA.

Valbuena, who is said to have become close to President Macapagal-Arroyo when they both worked at the Department of Trade and Industry, headed the PCA for the past four months.

She said she was opposed to using coconut levy money to fund that single project in Agusan del Sur.

"This is not a good project to begin with," she said, stressing that she would never be a party to anything that would dilute "the essence of fund stewardship."

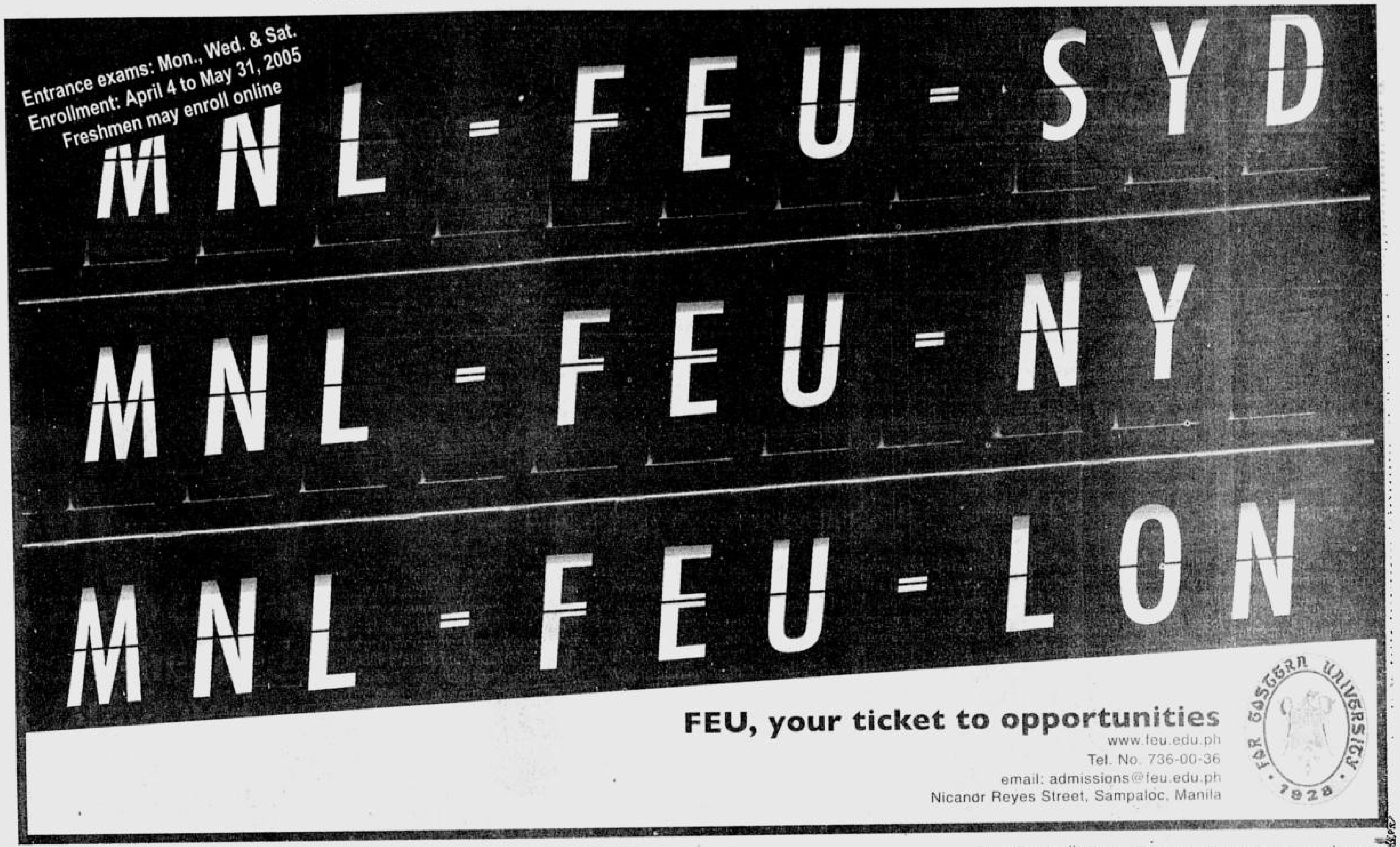
The Senate and the House are to hold separate inquiries next week into the Agusan coco project, particularly into Yap's alleged persecution of Valbuena.

In a separate interview, Yap said he did recommend to Malacañang that Valbuena be replaced at the PCA on the basis of her performance evaluation and on professional ethical considerations.

Yap, who chairs the PCA board, said Valbuena had misconstrued orders given to her by a superior.

"I made the recommendation that the leadership of PCA be reconsidered because I believe that there are policy differences between myself and an attached agency head," he said.

Yap has denied pushing for the Agusan project or putting pressure on Valbuena to support it. *Christine A. Gaylican*



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GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
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My warmest greetings to the officers and members of the Philippine College of Physicians as they hold their 35th Annual Convention in Internal Medicine and its related subspecialties.

The holding of this convention reaffirms your objective of pursuing excellence by opening avenues for health professionals and clinicians to develop better understanding on the current modalities and treatments in internal medicine.

The Department of Health wishes you all a successful convention. I am confident that this will result in the implementation of innovative techniques to promote and achieve a world-class Philippine healthcare system.

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Philippine Medical Association

Greetings from the Philippine Medical Association!

It is with great pleasure for me to convey my warmest felicitations to all the officers, organizers and participants of the 35th Annual Convention of the Philippine College of Physicians slated on May 3-6, 2005 at the EDSA Shangri-la Hotel in Mandaluyong City.

I am also glad that the three days conference you will be having will be touching on some of the external forces that will influence the delivery of health care in this country especially those which calls for efficiency and productivity in the provision of medical services: the development of strategic alliances that add value, the enhancement of information production and management and many others. Buoyed by the healthy participation of many of your members from all over the country makes this event truly exciting. I am certain that with the wealth of experience by those privileged to share them will bring forth fruitful discussions on the topics on hand.

In behalf of the Board of Governors and other national officers of the Philippine Medical Association, I would like to reiterate my warmest regards and best wishes to one and all!

BU C. CASTRO, MD, LIB, FPSP
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Internal Medicine is an obscure name for a dying field. Ask anyone in the streets what Surgery or Family Medicine means, and nearly everyone will know. Ask them what Internal Medicine is and you will get a furled brow. The "science of internal organs", or "physicians-in-training" are just some of the common misconceptions. To make matters worse, for the few who understand, Internal Med has come to connote a state of "underspecialization". Generalists often feel embarrassed (and subspecialists feel spited) when referred to as "ordinary internists".

In an attempt to revive the specialty, some have proposed a friendlier name - like Adult Medicine. This would put the field alongside recognized specialties such as pediatrics and geriatrics. Effecting a change in name will be difficult and will take a lot of political will, but it will not be nearly as difficult as trying to revive the art of healing that Internal Medicine used to stand for. Those were the glory days - when patients loved their doctors and physicians truly cared, when bedside skills and holistic care were our measures of greatness. Today, patients have become nothing more than an aggregate of malfunctioning organs that go through the assembly line of specialty care. Even as we try to revive Internal Medicine, an avalanche of new information has made it almost impossible to rise up from the ruins.

Cognizant of the challenges raised by this crisis, the scientific committee has designed a program that highlights the importance of Internal Med in healthcare, and responds to the information needs of practicing clinicians. This convention will explore the nooks and crannies of the golden ages of General Internal Medicine, attempting to raid its riches, so that they can shine once more in the public view. The meeting promises treasures for practice in this field whether one is a general internist, a general practitioner, a family physician or a subspecialist.

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It is with great enthusiasm that the Organizing Committee invites you to the 35th Annual Convention of the College on May 3-6, 2005 at the EDSA Shangri-la Manila.

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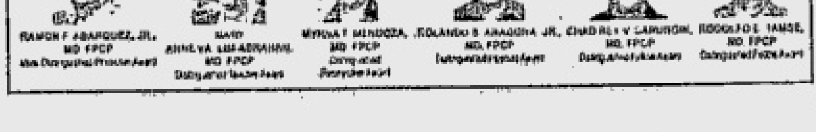

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PROGRAMME-AT-A-GLANCE

TIME	May 3 (Tuesday)	May 4 (Wednesday)	May 5 (Thursday)	May 6 (Friday)
7:30 8:00 8:30	REGISTRATION Research: 1. Critical Appraisal & Preparation of a CAT-Txtic Article 2. Protocol Development * [illegible] TB WORKSHOP FOR DOTS- ENGAGED PHYSICIANS * [illegible]	Breakfast Sessions A Handle on Nutritional Supplements, Isla I Defending the Right to Die, Isla II Reducing Prof Fees & Increasing Taxes Paid by Doctors, Isla III Should Doctors Own Medical Equipment?, Pulman [illegible]	Breakfast Sessions PCP Residency Training Dilemmas, Isla I Medical Malpractice Legislation, Isla III Overspecialization, Pulman	Breakfast Sessions Gifts for Physicians from Pharma Companies, Isla I Post-marketing Surveillance: Are Doctors Selling their Prescriptions?, Isla III
8:45		Set-up of Plenary Session	Set-up of Plenary Session	Set-up of Plenary Session
9:00		PLENARY SESSION I Antibiotic Stewardship: The Last Crusade Dr. Mary Ann D. Lansang Isla Ballroom	PLENARY SESSION III New Frontiers: Decision Aids for Patients Dr. Peter Tugwell Isla Ballroom	PLENARY SESSION V Protecting the Image of the Med Profession - A Quest for the Holy Grail Dr. Antonio L. Dans Isla Ballroom
9:45 10:30		Breakout Sessions I Year-in-Review: Cardiology, Isla I · Isla II Latebreaking News: The Coxibs Files, Isla III PhilHealth: Indigent Program, [illegible] Interactive: Peripheral Arterial Disease for the Generalists *, Pulman Research: Statistics for the Non-Statisticians, [illegible] Algorithms: Mgt. of Dyslipidemia among Filipinos (Ticketed Session), Cinema 1 Clin. Skills: The 5-min Neurologic Exam (Ticketed Session), Cinema 2 Informatics: BOF "Maximizing the use MS Word" [illegible]	A.G. SISON MEMORIAL LECTURE Dr. Jaime Z. Galvez Tan Isla Ballroom PLENARY SESSION IV General Medicine - The Lost Art Dr. Robert H. Fletcher Isla Ballroom Informatics BOF "Maximizing the Use of Power Point" * [illegible]	Breakout Sessions III Year-in-Review: Infect. Diseases, Isla I · Isla II Latebreaking News: Vitamin E can cause heart failure *, Isla III PhilHealth: Standardizing Hosps & Prof Fees, [illegible] Interactive: Simplified approach to a patient with joint pain, Pulman Algorithms: Mgt of Hypertension among Filipinos (Ticketed Session), Cinema 1 Clin Skills: Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment (CGA) (Ticketed Session), Cinema 2 Informatics BOF "PDA Show and Tell (Beaming Session)" * [illegible]
11:15		VISIT THE EXHIBITS	VISIT THE EXHIBITS	VISIT THE EXHIBITS
11:30		Lunch Satellite Symposium	Lunch Satellite Symposium	Lunch Satellite Symposium
12:00		1 AstraZeneca, Isla I 2 Pfizer, Isla II 3 Biomedis, Isla III 4 Merck, Pulman 5 Bristol Myers Squibb, [illegible]	6 Pfizer, Isla I 7 Therapharma, Isla II 8 LR Imperial, Isla III 9 Merck, Pulman 10 Novartis, [illegible] 11 Schering Plough, [illegible]	12 Therapharma, Isla I 13 Pfizer, Isla II 14 Westmont, Isla III 15 Sanofi-Synthelabo/Aventis Pharma, Pulman 16 Merck Sharp and Dohme, [illegible]
1:30		COFFEE BREAK		COFFEE BREAK
2:00 3:00	Orientation of New Members Isla I	Breakout Sessions II Year-in-Review: Gastroenterology, Isla I · Isla II Latebreaking News: Disaster Preparedness-Lesson from the tsunami disaster *, Isla III PhilHealth: Clin. Practice Guideline *, [illegible] Interactive: Mgt. of CKD - generalist point of view, Pulman Free Comm: Scientific Paper Writing, [illegible] Algorithms: Mgt. of Asthma among Filipinos (Ticketed Session), Cinema 1 Clin Skills: Radiologic Interpretation (Ticketed Session), Cinema 2 Informatics: Opportunities for Internists: Med Transcription, [illegible]	ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING Isla Ballroom	Breakout Sessions IV Year-in-Review: Diabetes, Isla I Latebreaking News: Lesson from the Bohol Disaster, Isla III Interactive: Simplified approach to the Dx & Tx of common dermatologic diseases, [illegible] PhilHealth: Reimbursements, [illegible] Algorithms: Mgt of Osteoporosis among Filipinos (Ticketed Session), [illegible] Clin Skills: Cardiac Auscultation (Ticketed Session) Informatics: A Window to the Digital Future [illegible]
3:30		VISIT THE EXHIBITS		VISIT THE EXHIBITS
4:00 4:45	OPENING OF EXHIBITS	PLENARY SESSION II Alternative Medicine: Treasure or Temple of Doom? Dr. Kenneth Hartigan-Go Isla Ballroom	PCP-PFIZER MEDICAL QUIZ CONTEST Year II Grand Finals Cinema	PLENARY SESSION VI Periodic Health Exams: Sacred Stone of Primary Care Dr. Dante D. Morales Isla Ballroom Informatics: EMR [illegible]
5:00 5:30 6:00 6:30 7:00	OPENING CEREMONIES Induction of New Affiliate Members & Certification of New Diplomates Isla Ballroom	Dinner Satellite Symposium Unilab Therapharma Isla Ballroom	FELLOWSHIP NIGHT "PCP Goes Broadway" Isla Ballroom	CLOSING CEREMONIES Induction of New Fellows [illegible] Ballroom

SPECIAL MEETINGS:
- Annual Meeting of Accredited Hospitals - May 3, 2005, Tuesday, 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm, Pavilion
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Another nationwide transport strike set

By Clarissa S. Batino and Dona Z. Pazzibugan

MAJOR groups will stage a nationwide transport strike on Monday to press for their demand for an increase in transport fares due to the unabated increase in domestic oil prices.

Vigor Mendoza, lawyer for the transport groups, said they had agreed over the weekend to proceed with the strike after the government failed to resolve the concerns of drivers and operators of public utility vehicles.

"There are still negotiations with the government but I doubt whether ongoing talks could avert the strike," Mendoza said.

The strike would be led by major jeepney organizations such as Fejodap, Piston, Pcdo-Acto, Mjoda and others.

Last week, a planned nationwide transport strike fizzled out after most drivers and operators continued to ply their routes.

Mendoza said PUVs nationwide would join the strike while regional groups may sustain the transport holiday until Tuesday.

Some bus operators, Mendoza said, agreed not to operate all their units. He said even rent-a-car firms, tourist buses and taxis had agreed to join the strike.

Transport groups want the government to grant the jeepney's petition for a P1 provisional increase in fares.

Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board Chair Maria Elena Bautista said she was open to granting the provisional increase, but said the jeepney groups would have to go through the usual hearings.

Last year, the government allowed jeepneys to raise the minimum fare by P1.50, and ordinary buses by P2.

The tranport groups also want to resolve the tiff between local governments and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority which, PUV operators claimed, had resulted in double apprehensions.

Mendoza was confident that the strike would be successful. "This is more organized than before," he said.

To maintain peace and order, the Philippine National Police nationwide have been put on alert.

PNP Director General Arturo Lomibao has ordered the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) and other regional offices to deploy forces to prevent untoward incidents.

"Our forces are on standby for any eventuality during the strike," said PNP spokesperson Senior Supt. Leopoldo Bataoil.

He said the PNP would also deploy buses to ferry any stranded commuters.

NCRPO Director Avelino Razon yesterday assured the public that the police are on full alert and prepared for any eventuality should the transport strike push through. *With Tina G. Santos and Nancy C. Carvajal*

Corrections

IN THE story "Fashion Week, fashion weak," which appeared on Pages J1-J2 of the Lifestyle section on April 15, a dress designed by Nolie Viñeza was wrongly attributed to Nolie Hans.

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Musharraf here Monday

ANTI-TERRORISM and the peace initiative with Muslim rebels will be among the talking points when President Macapagal-Arroyo meets with Pakistani President General Pervez Musharraf.

Musharraf will arrive in Manila Monday night for a three-day state visit. He is scheduled to meet with Ms Arroyo on Tuesday morning and address a joint session of Congress in the afternoon. In the evening, he will be honored at a state dinner at Malacañang.

In a statement, Malacañang said the two leaders are expected to discuss the implementation of the 1996 peace accord between the government and the Moro National Liberation Front as well as the ongoing peace process with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

With Pakistan a member of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), Ms Arroyo is also expected to discuss the Philippines' bid for observer status in the organization. *Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.*

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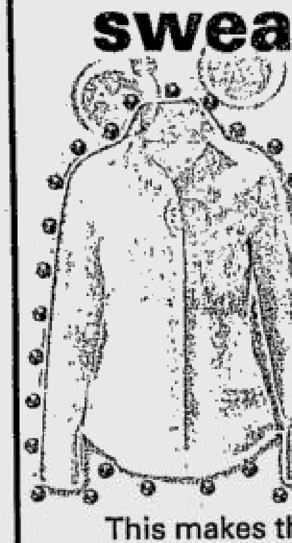

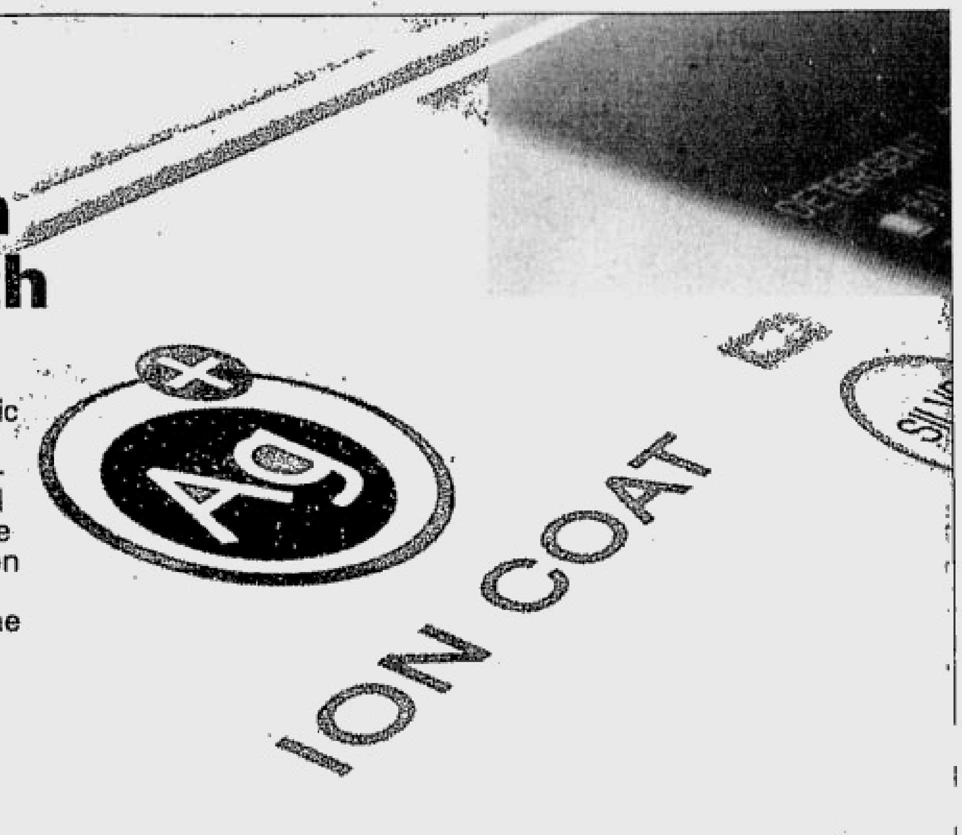

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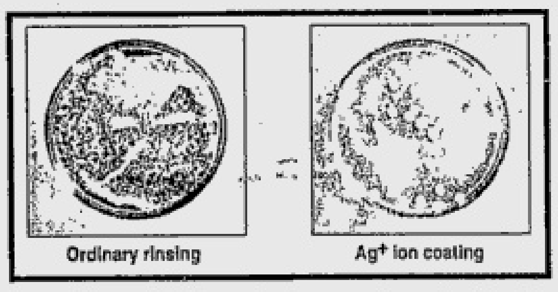

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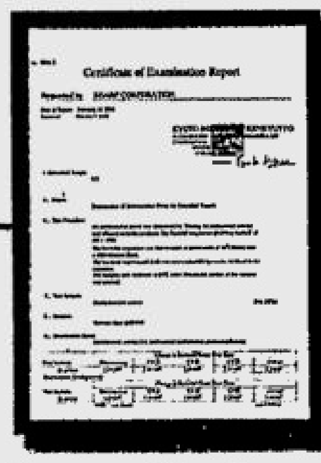
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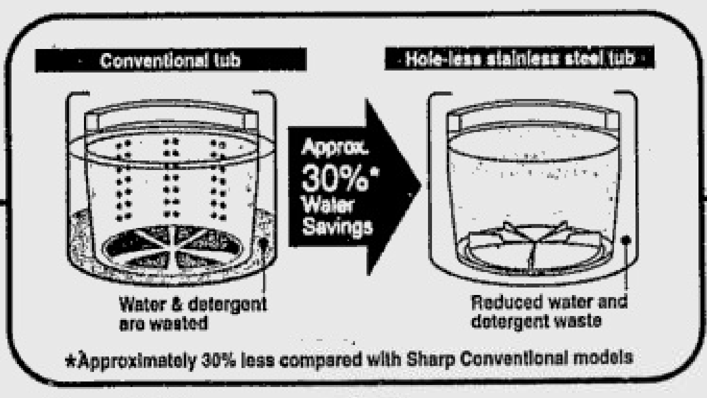
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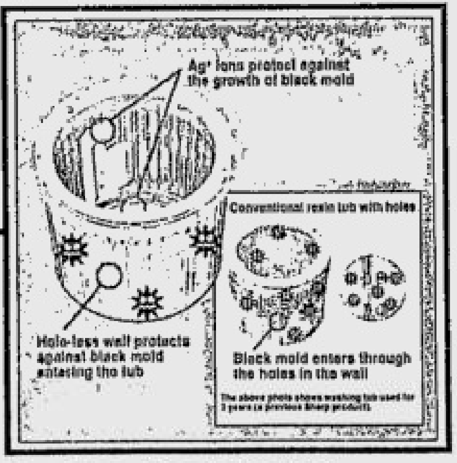
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THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, April 17, 2005
4th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 2:14,36-41

Called to follow Christ

On Pentecost day, Peter stood up with the Eleven and, with a loud voice, addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all foreigners now staying in Jerusalem, listen to what I have to say.

"Let Israel then know for sure that God has made Lord and Christ this Jesus whom you crucified."

When they heard this, they were deeply troubled. And they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What shall we do, brothers?"

Peter answered: "Each of you must repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise of God was made to you and your children, and to all those from afar whom our God may call."

With many other words Peter gave the message and appealed to them saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who accepted his word were baptized; some three thousand persons were added to their number that day.

2nd Reading: 1st Peter 2:20-25

Saved by our shepherd

What merit would there be in taking a beating when you have done wrong? But if you endure punishment when you have done well, that is a grace before God.

This is your calling: remember Christ who suffered for you, leaving you an example so that you may follow in his way. He did no wrong and there was no deceit in his mouth. He did not return insult for insult and, when suffering, he did not curse but put himself in the hands of God who judges justly. He went to the cross burdened with our sins so that we might die to sin and live an upright life. For by his wounds you have been healed. You were like stray sheep, but you have come back to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

Gospel: Jn 10:1-10

Called to follow our shepherd

Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber. But the shepherd of the sheep enters by the gate. The keeper opens the gate to him and the sheep hear his voice; he calls each of his sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them and the sheep follow him for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, rather they will run away from him because they don't recognize a stranger's voice."

Jesus used this comparison, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, I am the gate of the sheep. All who came were thieves and robbers, and the sheep did not hear them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved; he will go in and out freely and find food.

"The thief comes to steal and kill and destroy, but I have come that they may have life, life in all its fullness."

Commentary

During the Easter season we listen to Acts and hear sermons, like Peter's today and how the early Church grew, nurtured on the Word of God and the Holy Spirit. Peter proclaims that God has made Jesus who they crucified Lord and Christ! And the people are deeply troubled, are converted and baptized, receiving the Spirit and saved from this crooked generation. Jesus preaches that he himself is the gate of the sheepfold that opens to let the sheep enter in and closes in protection and care. Jesus has come for one reason: that we might have life and life in all its fullness. Anyone else, everyone else is a robber and a thief. Do we hear the voice of the keeper of the sheep or do we listen to voices all around us? Do we belong to God alone or do we follow after others? Are we nurtured on the Word of God and the Spirit as the early Church matured?

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Insurgents take 60 hostage in Iraq

BAGHDAD—Sunni guerrillas took at least 60 people hostage in an Iraqi town near Baghdad on Friday and threatened to kill them unless Shiites left the area, a Shiite official quoted residents as saying.

The hostage-taking and three successive days of bombings which killed at least 34 people suggested insurgents had regrouped after a lull in violence since Jan. 30 elections.

"People from the town called me begging the Iraqi government to save their relatives who are hostages. They told me there are at least 60 hostages," the official, who asked not to be identified, said in Baghdad.

Insurgents with heavy weapons appeared to have taken control of the mixed Sunni and Shiite town of Madaen, just south of Baghdad, and no police or government forces were in sight, said the official.

"The residents told me the insurgents were wandering the streets in cars and warning people on loudspeakers that if Shiites want the hostages to be safe they must leave town," he said.

Guerrillas have taken control of cities such as Falluja before but seizing many hostages in a town so close to the capital will pile pressure on Iraq's new leaders to deliver the improved security Iraqis have expected since the elections.

Iraq has yet to form a full government 11 weeks after the polls, with politicians trying to maneuver round sectarian minefields amid huge political changes after decades of dictatorship under Saddam Hussein.

The majority Shiites, long-oppressed under Saddam, have gained power along with Kurds while the Sunni minority has watched vast privileges from past years vanish.

Iraqi officials say they want Sunnis to play a role in the new government, hoping it would help end the insurgency, but there have been no tangible signs of this happening.

Bombs targeting US and Iraqi forces killed at least four people on Friday.

A roadside bomb near the central city of Samarra killed two Iraqi soldiers, an army source said.

AN IRAQI woman sits in a car after she was injured in a car bomb attack in Saddam's hometown of Tikrit, Iraq, April 14. AP

A car bomb designed to hit a US military convoy passing through Baghdad's Mansour neighborhood killed at least one person and wounded five, including an American soldier, police and the US military said.

Al-Qaida's wing in Iraq said one of its suicide bombers drove his vehicle into a convoy of American "cross worshippers" in Mansour and inflicted casualties.

"They are still gathering their dead and wounded," the group said in a statement posted on a website used by Islamists.

Elsewhere in the capital, a bomb targeting the Iraqi National Guard killed a civilian and wounded three, police said.

The attacks were small-scale by Iraq's standards, but reinforced concerns over a resurgence in bloodshed that has been so common over the past two years and which seemed to have subsided since the elections. *Reuters*

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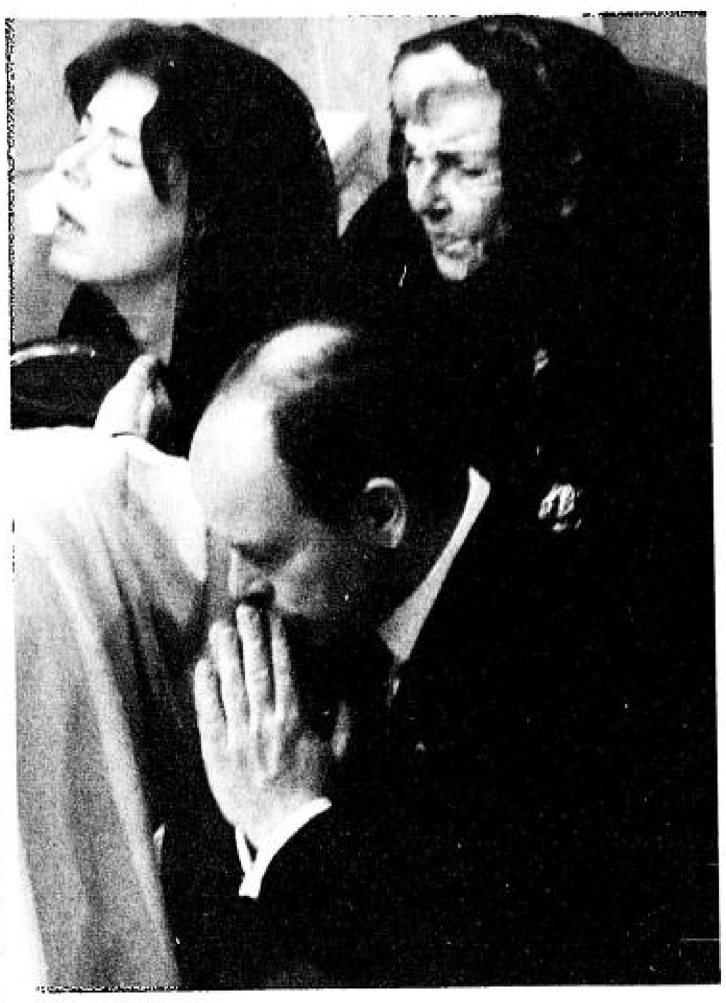

GRIEF IN MONACO
Prince Albert prays during the funeral of Prince Rainier III of Monaco in the cathedral in Monte Carlo April 15. At top left is Princess Caroline and top right is Rainier's sister, Princess Antoinette. Prince Rainier, who died aged 81, was buried alongside his late wife, US film star Grace Kelly. REUTERS

US, UK reject Annan charges on oil, food

UNITED NATIONS—The United States and Britain on Friday rejected charges by Secretary General Kofi Annan that they turned a blind eye to shipments of Iraqi oil by former President Saddam Hussein outside the UN oil-for-food program.

Annan told a seminar on Thursday that not enough attention had been given to where the Iraqi government had earned most of its money, which was in oil exports to Jordan and Turkey with the agreement of Security Council members.

Both countries, suffering under 1990 UN sanctions, had been permitted to get oil from Iraq. CIA inspector Charles Duelfer in a report last October said Saddam had earned about $8 billion through exports to Jordan, Turkey and Syria.

"The bulk of the money Saddam made came after smuggling outside the oil for food program," Annan said, adding "It was on the American and British watch."

In London, Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said in a statement, "I regret to say that suggestions that the United Kingdom ignored smuggling of oil from Iraq to Jordan and Turkey are inaccurate, and at variance with the record of successive British governments from the end of the Gulf War."

"The fact that the smuggling of oil was most likely to take place to Turkey and Jordan simply reflects the geography of the area," he said. "Throughout this period, the United Kingdom was active against oil smuggling in the Gulf, including through intercepting shipments."

In New York, the US mission to the United Nations distributed testimony its chief of staff Thomas Schweich had made to the US Congress.

Schweich said that the Security Council's 661 committee overseeing the program as well as Congress allowed the exports to Jordan and Turkey, and were open about it.

He said this was not analogous to "the bribery, the corruption, the kickbacks, the things that were done for self-interest secretively in a nontransparent manner that are really just acts of fraud and crime." *Reuters*

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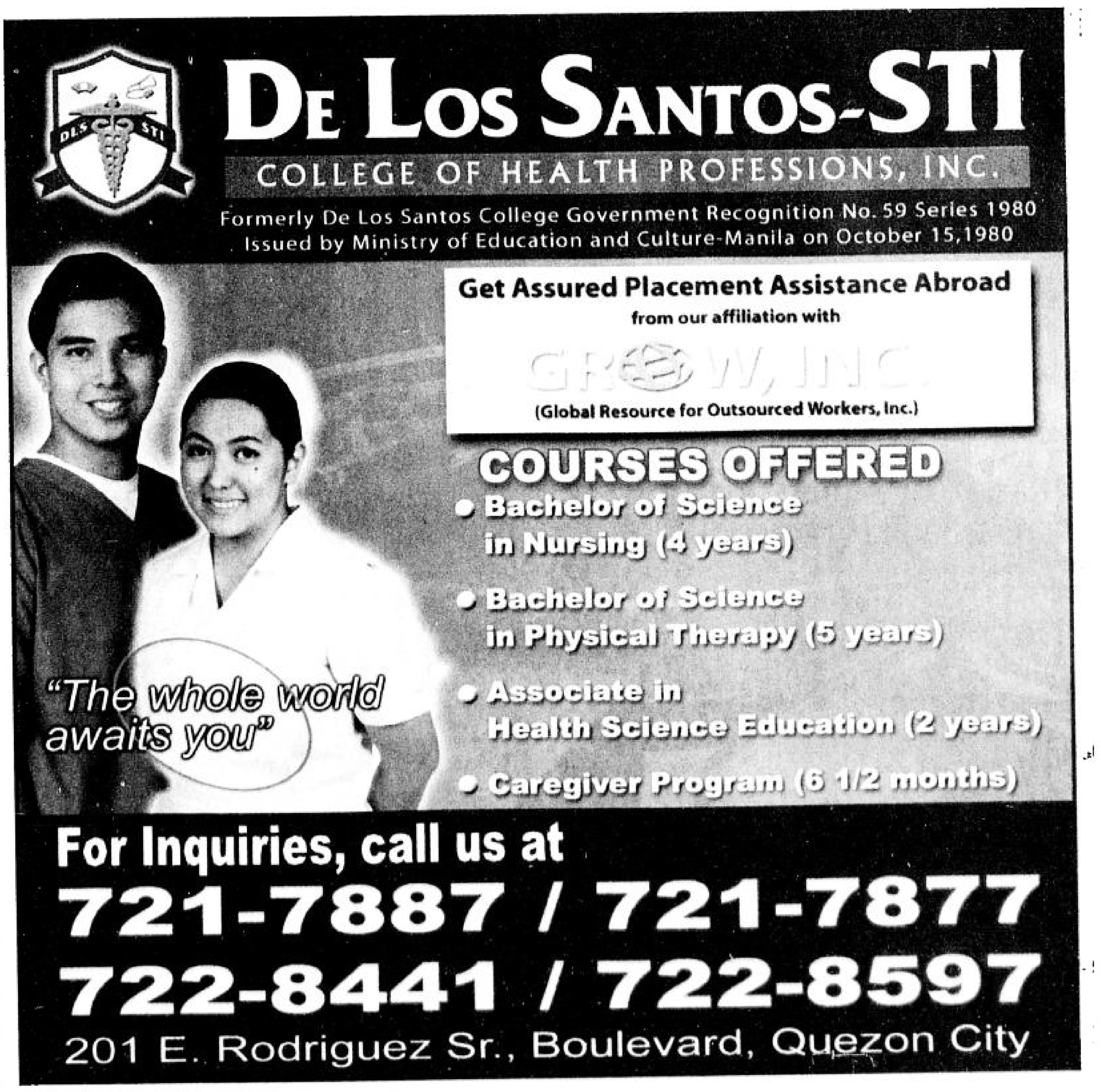

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Heated anti-Japan protests erupt anew in China

SHANGHAI/BEIJING — Shouting "Japanese invaders must die," thousands protested against Japan's wartime past in eastern China on Saturday, hurling rocks and bottles and burning Japanese flags at Tokyo's consulate in Shanghai.

But with thousands of paramilitary police on the streets of Beijing and students warned against protesting, authorities appeared to have headed off a repeat of last weekend's demonstrations in the capital, which will host Japan's foreign minister on Sunday.

Police also barred demonstrations in southern Guangzhou and southwestern Chongqing, where thousands took to the streets last weekend.

Chinese have been protesting against textbooks they see as whitewashing Japan's wartime past, and against Tokyo's bid for a permanent seat on the UN Security Council.

In the third weekend of violent protests against Japan across China, thousands marched on the Japanese consulate in Shanghai, smashing windows with rocks, pelting it with paint bombs and attacking Japanese restaurants along the way.

Marchers set fire to the red-and-white Japanese flag. Some held posters carrying messages such as "Face Up to History," while another warned: "The anti-Japan war is not over yet."

A Japanese car was overturned by protesters, left covered with scratches and "Boycott Japan" scrawled on its side.

Hundreds of paramilitary police in full riot gear stood ready as police appealed for order on loud hailers. Isolated scuffles broke out and about a dozen protesters were dragged away.

During moments of relative calm, protesters and police alike were spotted buying lattes at a nearby coffee shop.

In the scenic eastern city of Hangzhou, about 10,000 protesters chanted anti-Japanese slogans, carried banners and handed out fliers calling for a boycott of Japanese goods, witnesses said. Journalists were told not to report on it and warned they would be sacked if they took part.

Billboards featuring Japanese electronics goods were covered up in Hangzhou as were restaurant signs in Beijing.

Another 2,000 people marched in Tianjin city, near the capital.

In Beijing, hundreds of police in riot gear secured the ambassador's home in the northeast diplomatic district and the embassy in the southeast. Both were hit by rocks and bottles by thousands of protesters last weekend but spared this time around.

China appears keen to keep the capital quiet.

Japanese Foreign Minister Nobutaka Machimura is due to meet his counterpart Li Zhaoxing on Sunday, and aims to ensure disputes on everything from gas exploration in disputed waters to Japan's history do not hurt $178 billion in annual trade between the economic powers.

Japan has pledged not to let the series of disputes hinder their broader relationship.

Many Chinese fume at what they see as Japan's failure to own up to atrocities committed during its occupation of China from 1931 to 1945. Beijing estimated that up to 35 million Chinese were killed or wounded by invading Japanese troops.

Anger flared after Tokyo's approval this month of a history textbook written by Japanese nationalist scholars that many in Asia say glosses over Japan's wartime past.

After last weekend's protests, the situation worsened on Wednesday after Japan announced it had started procedures to allocate rights for test-drilling in a disputed area of the East China Sea.

China has come under fire for tacitly encouraging the unrest, which started in Guangdong and Sichuan provinces early this month, spread to Beijing last week and, now, to nearby Tianjin and Shanghai and Hangzhou on the east coast.

Beijing denies it deliberately allowed things to spiral and pledged to protect Japanese businesses and nationals in China.

"I have to point out here that such allegations are totally groundless and a serious distortion of truth," State Councilor Tang Jiaxuan, a former foreign minister, said.

Tang blamed the tensions on repeated visits by Japanese leaders, including Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, to the Yasukuni shrine—where convicted war criminals are honored along with Japan's war dead. *Reuters*

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France looks set to dump EU charter

PARIS—French President Jacques Chirac failed to jump-start flagging support for the European Union constitution, with a poll showing the "No" camp further ahead on Friday the day after his live television campaign debate.

A CSA survey for Saturday's Le Parisien newspaper showed 56 percent of those polled would vote "No" in the May 29 referendum called by Chirac, an increase of 1 percentage point on CSA's previous poll.

In the first poll since the debate, 51 percent of those polled said Chirac failed to convince in the eagerly awaited debate with more than 80 young voters, the president's first foray into the campaign.

Many of those involved in the debate said Chirac had not changed their vote and commentators criticized a lackluster performance by the 72-year-old leader.

Chirac has staked much prestige on approval of the constitution, which aims to streamline decision-making after the EU's expansion to 25 members last May. His camp had hoped the prime-time debate would reverse the "No" campaign's solid lead.

"Could do better" intoned the pro-European newspaper Le Monde. The usually supportive conservative Le Figaro said Chirac had "often struggled to make his pro-European plea heard during a muddled broadcast."

France's European partners, who fear a deep EU crisis if founder member France reject's the treaty, have watched with dismay as the government fails to halt a surging "No" vote.

"All my colleagues are watching extremely closely, worried by the debate in France, which is just starting," French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier told reporters at an informal meeting of EU foreign ministers in Luxembourg.

"We won't win this referendum with slogans, with insults. We'll only win it by explaining the text," he added.

During the debate watched by 7.5 million viewers, Chirac mixed gentle lectures on the content of the constitution with dire warnings that France would "cease to exist politically" in the EU if voters rejected the charter.

Opponents accused him of scaremongering.

"I was very struck to see Mr. Chirac saying on the one hand, don't be afraid, but his main argument was to try to create fear," Laurent Fabius, a former Socialist prime minister and leading campaigner for a "No" vote, told RTL radio.

Ever loyal, Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin said France could be proud of the quality of the debate, while Education Minister Francois Fillon said further broadcasts would be needed to promote the treaty.

"There remains a lot of work to do," said Pierre Moscovici, a Socialist former European affairs minister temporarily allied to Chirac in support of the constitution.

Chirac said the treaty could not be renegotiated if rejected by voters and said he would not resign over the charter.

With six weeks before the referendum, opinion surveys point to deep discontent with high unemployment and with France's declining influence in Europe. *Reuters*

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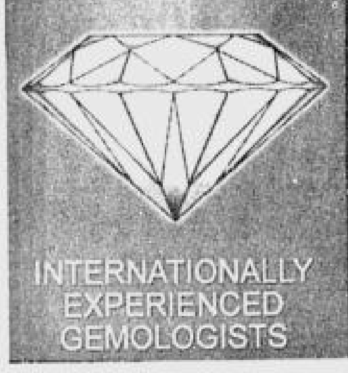

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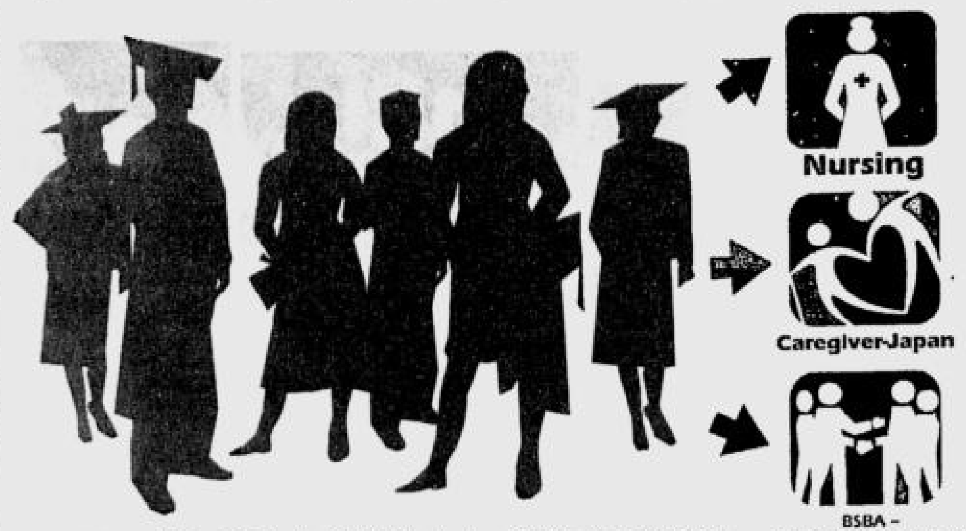

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Moving ahead

EDITORIAL

THE SHAPE of Asia is changing right before our eyes, but we are too stuck in our political rut, too deep in the mire, to realize it.

We seem condemned to repeat recent history; we are fighting the same battles, over the same political and economic terrain, as in the 1980s. As a consequence, we are stuck in the last years of the 20th century, while our neighbors have moved resolutely into the 21st.

The pact between erstwhile rivals China and India, reached last Monday, is only the latest and most important reminder that dramatic shifts are in fact changing the map of Asia.

It is, in truth, a treaty for the history books.

Even the coverage in the Asian Wall Street Journal was uncharacteristically breathless. The lead story on the first day, for instance, described the pact's signatories as the most powerful economies in Asia. That assertion must have come as a surprise to the Japanese, who after all still run—albeit with admittedly decreasing confidence—the world's second-largest economy.

But if international media organizations only sought to call attention to the present dynamism and future potential of both China and India, then their choice of emphasis was not misplaced.

China and India are the world's fastest-growing major economies. Given that their populations are also, by far, the two biggest in the world, their economic performance then has had all the unexpectedness of dancing elephants.

Economic reforms in China since Deng Xiaoping's famous Southern tour may well have lifted more people out of poverty in one generation than at any other time in history. The reforms in India, begun more recently, also look set to leave a similar legacy.

But border disputes between the two nuclear powers have long been a source of discord, dampening long-term economic prospects.

Monday's agreement changed all that.

The two sides effectively removed the border issue from the economic discussion, vowing that differences on boundary questions will not be allowed to affect the overall development of bilateral relations. And by categorically providing that neither side will use or threaten to use force against the other by any means, the treaty actually narrowed the scope of the political discussion as well. The promise to resolve questions through peaceful and friendly consultations sets a precedent for other issues.

To say that rapid economic growth provided the momentum for the negotiations is to see only half the picture. The effects of a failure to successfully negotiate, including a brake on economic growth: this is the other, unseen, half.

In other words, the costs of irresolution posed a long-term threat, too. The leaders of China and India could have followed the pattern of criticism and confrontation set by their own recent history. (Though rooted in ancient civilizations, both great-powers-in-the-making were born in the middle of the 20th century, in similar paroxysms of violence.) Instead, they decided to break new ground.

Naturally, the long-term success of the new treaty depends on how the two countries keep both its letter and spirit. Both are fiercely nationalistic, both Beijing and New Delhi are past masters at channeling their peoples' passions in specific directions. (Pakistan in the recent past and Japan in the last two weeks have been on the receiving end of their dark art.)

But the fact that the agreement has been reached in the first place is already a breakthrough. To both governments the decisive question was simple and the choice clear: Why rot in the past when there is a future to claim?

The question is very appropriate for us.

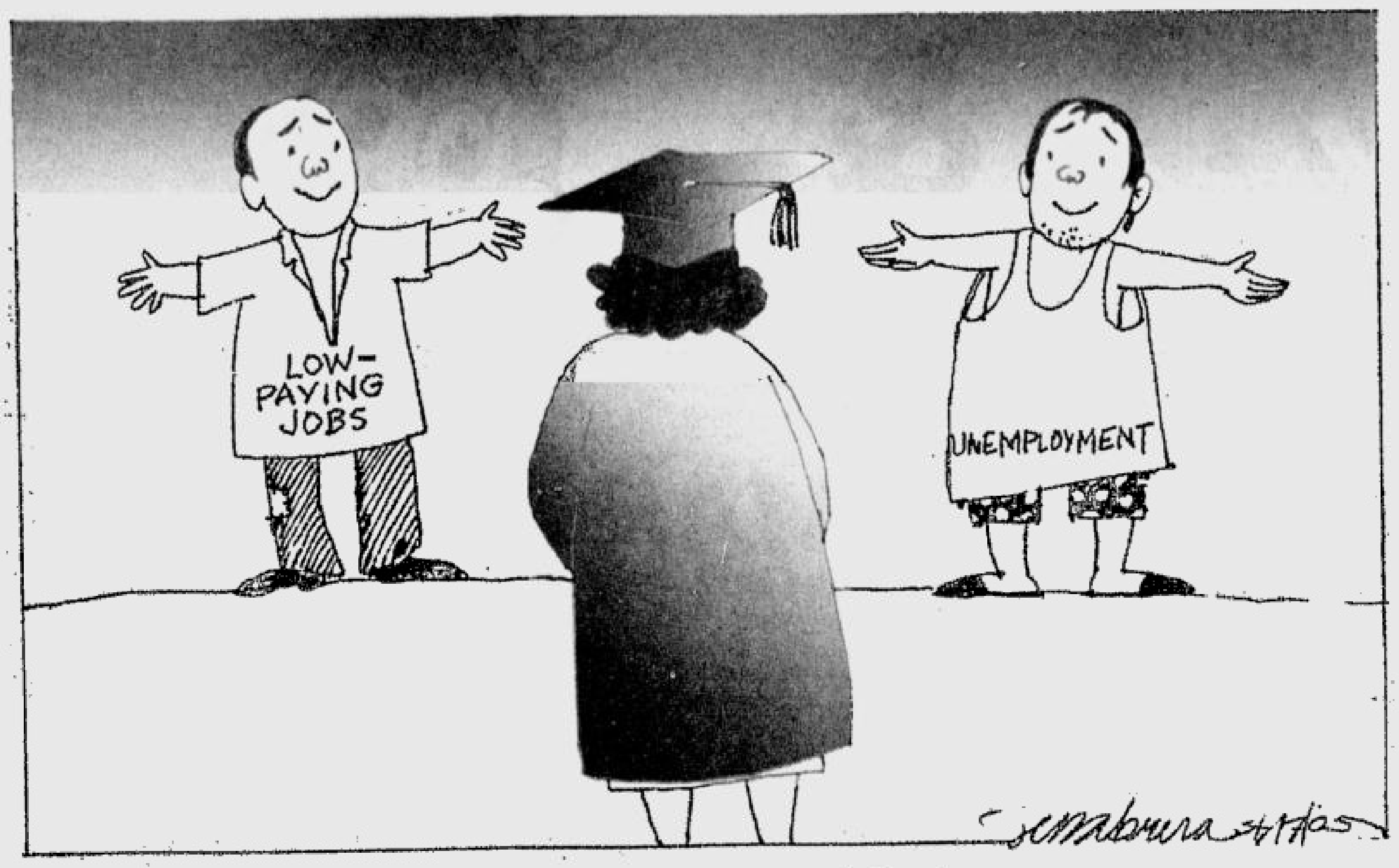
Vatican and China

FOREIGN COMMENT

POPE John Paul II's unfinished dream—reestablishing relations between the Catholic Church and China—is now about to become real. While he was dying, his secret emissaries were negotiating the last conditions to resume diplomatic relations with Beijing. And in the world's hour of grief, Chinese leaders presented the communist government's official condolences.

Beijing also expressed the "desire to improve relations with the Vatican, under two conditions." The first: that Vatican breaks relations with Taiwan; the second: a promise "not to interfere in China's internal affairs, not even under religious pretexts."

But the condition posed by Beijing against internal interference may result in restrictive interpretations. If a priest dares say something that does not coincide with government policy, he may be accused of interference and brutally silenced. *La Repubblica (Rome)*



Obsessions and fads

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

THE SIXTIES and the Seventies of the last century were among the most memorable in our country not only because they were blemished by the repressions and abuses of the Marcos dictatorship. Despite these black marks on our recent history, there were many obsessions and caprices that made that period somewhat bearable and even amusing to people like many of us with a sense of humor. Let me recall some of these today, for the particular benefit of the youngsters who like to read about my reminiscences of how things were before their time.

Sometime during the middle Sixties, the nation was introduced to a religious movement called the cursillo. This was sponsored by the Catholic Church for the purpose of strengthening the faith in God of its devotees and developing closer ties among them. The movement speedily spread and before long every community had its chapter of worshipers dedicated to the Christian life of prayer and companionship. It attracted not only the common people but also persons high in the government and among the elite and even intellectuals.

I was in Korea then with a congressional group when it was suggested that we take dinner in a place where entertainment was provided by geishas. A senator who was asked to join us vehemently objected and was outraged by the invitation. "No, I will not come!" he said as if we had tried to debauch his inviolate soul. "I am a cursillista!" Here at home, another colleague of his wrote a widely-read article in praise of the cursillo, where he said he served as a waiter for other members of the movement during their fellowship luncheon. It was, he raved, a humbling experience.

People from all walks of life made it known that they too were members of the cursillo. Lawyers, doctors, teachers, engineers, laborers and jeepney drivers enrolled to be saved from eternal perdition. In our village, a cursillista said proudly to the parish priest, "Father, feel my wings!" Every adherent took pride in praying in church with his arms eagle-spread, as if to proclaim his religiosity and also to attract attention. Cursillistas everywhere enjoyed singing *de colores* together and woke us up in the early morning with their happy *mañanitas*. They had suddenly become a select group among the Catholic lay and dominated the Mass with their conspicuous presence.

Then, as suddenly as it appeared, the cursillo disappeared almost unnoticed. The singing ended and the showy praying ceased. Even television and radio stopped celebrating its virtues. As a non-member, I asked friends who had vainly asked me to join their group what had happened, but they gave rather vague answers or just ignored me. It was as if they were embarrassed over their past monomania. The movement was good while it lasted, but nobody seemed to miss it when it was gone.

A similar fate awaited another fad, this time during the Seventies. This was the passion for the hot pandesal (spelled as one word) that gripped Metro Manila like an epidemic. As if from nowhere, pandesal machines sprouted everywhere to seduce the public with their freshly baked buns that easily caught the popular palate. Pan de sal is traditional fare for our people during breakfast and merienda, but hot pandesal carried a special taste that offered a new attraction to many of us. As I remember it, it was crisp and tasty and different from the ordinary bread we used to buy from the corner tienda. They were really a welcome treat, and they didn't cost much either.

Then, like the cursillo, the hot pandesal was here today and gone tomorrow. I don't know what happened, but inexplicably the pandesal stalls began disappearing. There is not a single one of these machines now where before they were doing brisk business wherever you looked. I still cannot understand where those many ovens came from and where they went later to deprive us of their special kind of bread. And mind you, they were not just makeshift contraptions but sophisticated looking things that must have cost a pretty penny. I would have gladly purchased one of those retired ovens for my family's private use.

Those were the years when people wanted to look their best, in the clothes they wore that they imported from the USA. The young men, and also the young once (a favorite phrase then), saw to it that the color of their socks matched the color of their t-shirts, and their pants were bell-bottoms with matching flare jackets. Belts were two inches wide with big buckles. The teen-age girls and some of the old women sported leather miniskirts and psychedelic shirts, some of which I bought cheap in Hong Kong only to discover that they had gone out of style when I returned to Manila with my *pasalubong*.

And the hair? It rated top attention, too, with both genders and the third. The fad for the men was the "iper," which was a special method used by the barbers to make their customers look well-groomed for an extra P15 that wasn't peanuts then. It was soon replaced, however, by long sideburns and shaggy hair. As for the women, what I remember about them was that they wore wigs, the plastic kind, that made some of them pretty but most of them look plastic. That was one of the things that made the Marcos misrule particularly nasty.

Leader, pleader

MOMENTS

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THE STORY is told about a mother who named all his six sons Joselito. When asked how her children get to know whom she is calling, her response was: "Oh, that's easy. I call them by their family names."

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In today's Gospel (John 10, 1-10), we are shown that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, knows and calls his sheep by name. How consoling to know that we have a God who knows each one of us by name and who loves each one of us. Yes, we are loved, more than we know, more than we realize. We are not worthy, but we are worthwhile and important in God's eyes. Do you treat yourself and others as persons dear to God's heart? Do you look at yourself and at others as sons and daughters of God?

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There are good shepherds and there are bad shepherds, as there are good leaders and bad leaders. Today's Gospel tells us that the very first trait of a good leader is that he or she is not a thief, a robber, or one who steals. Right away, think of a leader, any leader, be he or she in government, church, military, or even in the family: If he or she is a thief or a cheat, he or she is not a good leader. He or she who robs us of our money, of our dignity, and of our dreams is not a good leader.

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Another trait of a good shepherd or a good leader is that he or she walks ahead. In other words, a leader leads, especially by example. If there is a good example from the top, all the rest below will follow. A leader, as the word itself suggests, is one who leads—not misleads—others. We add: a good leader is one who knows how to lead and also how to plead. Likewise, he or she knows when to lead and when to plead.

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There is an interesting story about the successor of Mother Teresa of the Missionaries of Charity. When told by a reporter that it must be hard for her to be in the shoes of Mother Teresa, her reply was: "Not at all. I wear my shoes, and she walks with me." As we await the outcome of the conclave for the next pope, we are one in the thought that Pope John Paul II would be a tough act to follow, but, we are also sure that whoever will be the next pope, he will be shepherded by the Good Shepherd Himself.

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Last April 11, 2005, I attended a 50th birthday celebration upon the request of physicians Johnny and Nemy Platon. What made this birthday special was the celebrant himself, Tata San Juan, who has spent 25 years in bed as a result of a motorcycle accident. Half of his life has been spent in suffering and dependence on his loved ones. You'd think Tata would be such a miserable and pitiful person? Not at all. He was so full of joy, optimism, courage and gratitude, especially for the Mass celebrated in his house on his 50th birthday. I can't help but praise God for this wounded and disabled sheep who has remained in the sheepfold and who has held on to the good shepherd, all these years.

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Pope John Paul II has shown us what a good shepherd is. He always had the good of the flock uppermost in his mind. Even when he was maligned for his views, he stood his ground for the sake of his flock. At some point, he wanted to resign for health reasons, but he held on, with much pain and sacrifice, for the good of all.

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Remember the story about a boy who was named "Amazing" by his father? He became the butt of jokes because of his name, so much so that he asked that his name be not inscribed in his tombstone so that people would forget it. And so on his tombstone were written just the date of birth and the date of death. Whenever people saw this, they always ended up saying, "that's amazing!" We look at leaders like Pope John Paul II and we all say "an amazing leader." We look at many of our leaders in the Philippines, and we say "amassing leaders."

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Got this thought provoking text message: "If religion has done nothing to your temper, it has done nothing to your soul." There are people who claim to be spiritual and religious but don't have much gentleness and peace. We need shepherds who are not only good, but also nice, i.e., humble, honest, affective, joyful and inspiring. Let us all pray that by next Sunday, we will already have a good and nice shepherd pope. This we ask in Jesus' name through the intercession of our Blessed Mother. Amen.

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Fr. Ewald Dinter, SVD, our confrere working with our indigenous people in Mindoro, happily announces that on May 1, Doyet A Hanunoo, will become the first Mangyan woman to become a religious sister, belonging to the S.Sp.S. (Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit). What a joy to see that those who were shepherded have become shepherds themselves. May there be more men and women who will respond to the priestly and religious life.

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A moment with the Lord:
Lord, teach me to be a leader who knows how and when to lead and to plead. Amen.

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Leadership influences basic values

REVEILLE

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AS I mentioned a few weeks back, the Philippines will soon be hosting the Southeast Asian Games. Much attention is being focused on preparing our athletes, on sprucing up the different venues for the Games, and on setting up security measures necessary to protect all the participants.

Somehow as we move closer to the opening day of the Games, I am reminded of an incident dating back to more than 10 years ago, when the members of the Philippine delegation to the 12th Asian Games in Hiroshima, Japan paid a farewell call on President Fidel V. Ramos just before their departure. Part of the program for the day was the singing of the national anthem. Apparently, it was done in a lukewarm, halfhearted manner that it resulted in a public scolding by the President. "What's the matter with you? You will represent the country in another land and you cannot even sing the national anthem properly," Mr. Ramos said. An attempt to recover lost ground was cut short with a curt "Don't bother, you should have prepared for this earlier."

Here were the top athletes of the nation bidding goodbye to the chief executive, and they couldn't belt out the national anthem with the enthusiasm and spirit that the occasion called for. It was possible many of them were not familiar with the words and were just going through the motion of mouthing the lyrics. Some were slouching instead of standing erect with head held high and chest full of pride in being sent to represent their country at such an important and prestigious sports event. Some were not familiar with or accustomed to the practice of placing their right hand over the left breast while singing the anthem. All these may have raised the hackles of the President and his sharp tongue put them on notice that he expected much more from the young people assembled before him.

During my service in the Armed Forces, I have witnessed flashes of this presidential temper on a number of occasions. Just when you think things are moving comfortably, he would remind you of your shortcomings to keep you on your toes.

I was not surprised that something like this happened. It is symptomatic of how we carry on in many of the activities that we undertake in our daily lives—from the way we behave in traffic situations to our inability to set aside partisan interests for the national good. We take too many things for granted, and we place individual concerns over and above community interests.

The system does not seem to sufficiently inculcate basic values like respect for the flag and the national anthem, discipline, civic duties and responsibilities. It is in the homes and in the classrooms where the kids start to learn about the history of our country, where they develop respect for the flag and anthem, where discipline can be instilled while preparing them for useful roles in the community. A lot depends on the educational system, but just as important is the role played by the national leadership.

In Singapore, energetic campaigns for simple civic duties like cleanliness, environmental awareness, polite behavior and courtesy for others, are spearheaded at the highest levels of the national leadership and have inevitably turned out to be huge successes.

One of the things that impressed me most during my stint in Indonesia many years ago was the sense of nationalism of its people. For one thing, there were no endless queues of individuals at the Dutch or US embassies applying for immigrant visas. Their athletes being sent abroad always returned home, unlike some of ours who disappeared after the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984. If my recollection is correct, the entire cycling team opted to stay behind.

Perhaps, this can be explained partly by the fact that Indonesia has a national ideology known as "Pancasila" or "Five Principles." These principles, which form the nation's political philosophy, are (1) belief in God, (2) a just and civilized humanity, (3) nationalism or love of country, (4) sovereignty of the people, and (5) social justice. Since its independence in 1945, close to 60 years ago, this national ideology has been drummed into the minds of every Indonesian child—from the formative school years all the way to adulthood with no letup in emphasis and dissemination. Many of the official programs attended by the Indonesian president start with the recitation of the "Pancasila" by a group of youngsters, and this would set the tone for the day's activities.

During the Marcos years, there was a 10-point national ideology that was formulated by the government, but like many projects which we start, there was no follow through and continuity that could have ensured lasting success. I know the cynics and the so-called intellectual sophisticates among us would smile at the idea of having a similar set of guiding principles for the nation. But the fact remains that some of our neighbors, who in the past appeared to be less accomplished than us, are now the ones smiling as they leave us in their dust.

Perhaps if the national leadership devotes more time and effort to the inculcation of basic values among our youth, then the spectacle of our President having to scold our national athletes for not singing the national anthem with more pride and spirit will not be repeated. Maybe, we might yet harvest our first overall championship in the coming Southeast Asian Games and take home an Olympic gold medal from Beijing in 2008.

Condoms and the Church

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

IN GMA-7's "Debate" show the other Thursday, Bishop Ted Bacani declared on air that it is all right for married Catholics to use the condom—if the aim is to prevent the transmission of HIV and one spouse (or both) is HIV positive. Bishop Ted said this is based on the "principle of double effect." In such a case, the primary effect is to save lives, which is good—even if the condom is a contraceptive which, in the Church's view, is bad. The Pope, the bishop added, has never issued an outright ban against the condom. "What it [the Church] is against is the promotion of condom use," he said.

I wonder if anyone from the Vatican was watching the show that night, because it certainly hasn't said anything along Bishop Bacani's lines.

Lyn Cockburn, in an op-ed piece in the London Free Press of Canada, notes that soon after Pope John Paul II's death, Cardinal Francis Arinze of Nigeria (mentioned in many press reports as a leading "contender" for the papacy) was asked by CNN about his view on the use of condoms. The question seemed apropos because Arinze hails from Africa where two-thirds of the world's HIV/AIDS carriers reside.

While agreeing that AIDS is a "horrifying" disease and everything possible must be done to prevent its spread, the cardinal noted that the Church stops short of approving the use of condoms. Arinze instead suggested that abstinence and chastity would be the better solutions. "Chastity never killed anyone," Cardinal Arinze remarked.

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AS far as official Vatican policy is concerned, the Church leadership is more attuned to Cardinal Arinze's than Bishop Bacani's position on condoms.

Arinze, in fact, was only echoing the stance of the late Pope John Paul II who once said that "No personal or social circumstances could ever, can now, or will ever, render such an act lawful..." And just a few weeks before he died, cites Cockburn, the Pope told Tanzanian bishops that "fidelity within marriage and abstinence outside are the only sure ways to limit the further spread of AIDS infections."

Is there ground for Bishop Bacani's assertion that Catholic couples would not sin if they used the condom to save the life of one spouse? Or was he raising the "principle of double effect" only to win an argument on TV?

The truth is that Bishop Bacani is not alone in his views. Many bishops and priests and nuns have articulated much the same position in public (and many cardinals in private, too, I bet), but they still constitute a minority within Catholic officialdom. For all I know, though, they could already be in the majority, but have been largely silenced since the "big guns" of the Church choose to maintain their rigid ban on the "C" word.

As Cockburn notes: "...(while) Arinze is right that chastity does not kill, it does not prevent the acquisition of AIDS. In many sub-Saharan African countries, women do not have the right to refuse sex with their husbands, nor would they dare request the use of a condom. The women must be chaste, of course, while no such strictures are placed upon the men.

"This is an everyday occurrence that speaks to the issue of gender equality, an issue the Vatican also has trouble with and one that obviously contributes to the spread of AIDS."

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THE QUESTION of the rightness or wrongness, the morality or immorality, of condom use is not a moot question in Nigeria or in all of Africa, which is not only the current epicenter of the AIDS pandemic but is also where the number of Catholics is growing at an amazing rate.

Neither is it irrelevant in the Philippines, where the spread of HIV/AIDS is said to be "low and slow" but where the trajectory of the disease is feared to spread fastest among overseas workers and their spouses or partners.

What will priest-confessors tell their women parishioners, the wives of seafarers, for instance, when they come to ask for "permission" to use condom when their husbands come home, for fear that the latter might have come down with HIV/AIDS or other sexually transmitted infections during their stint at sea?

Will the priests choose to stick to Church doctrine and counsel these women in fear for their health and lives to "just say no" to husbands coming home after months aboard a ship? Will they counsel the women to close their eyes to reality and believe their husbands' assertions that they had been celibate all this time? Or will they believe in the sanctity of both these women's lives and their marital relationships and recognize condom use as the least of all possible evils?

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DURING THE "DEBATE" episode, Bishop Bacani accused me of setting up a "straw man," a false argument with the sole aim of attacking Church policy.

And yet, if indeed the Church believes and teaches there is nothing wrong or sinful for couples (but only married ones) to use the condom to prevent HIV transmission, wouldn't the Pope and the cardinals have said so earlier, and with more authority?

Still, there is a way for the institutional Church, and for men of goodwill like Bishop Bacani, to end up on the side of life and of good on the issue of HIV/AIDS.

In her piece, Cockburn says that the Vatican does not have to give up its belief in chastity. "It can fervently preach fidelity and abstinence from sex outside marriage as a preferable way to live. And it can simply shut up about condoms."

She quotes Christian Saoult, president of the French AIDS charity Aides: "We didn't particularly expect the Pope to come out in favor of the condom, but it would have been good if he at least hadn't said anything against it."

An American radical

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

CAMBRIDGE. I like coming to Cambridge not so much to see Harvard but to visit my old friend Daniel Boone Schirmer. He turned 90 this year, and is wheelchair-bound. A thin line of mourning marks his handsome Pilgrim face, but his blue eyes are undiminished in their brightness. Last year, he lost his wife Peggy, the love of his life, the woman, he says, "who taught me how to become a better man."

Talking to Boone is like being in the presence of Mark Twain's generation. That generation, which organized the Anti-Imperialist League, spoke against the assimilation of the Philippines as an American colony. Their children campaigned against the Vietnam War in the '60s, and their grandchildren and great-grandchildren rallied against the US invasion of Iraq. As out of place as they may seem in today's imperial America, these progressive Americans, the best of America's public intellectuals, have not lost their voice and passion. They continue to speak out against the lies of their politicians and the abuse of libertarian values that are perpetrated to justify invading other nations.

As a young couple, Boone and Peggy spent a lifetime organizing the working class, and fighting for an America that was faithful to the ideals of the exemplary republic the Founding Fathers imagined it to be. As they saw it, this had to be a socialist America—rich and egalitarian, a beacon of freedom but not aggressive. They had looked up to the Soviet Union as a model of what a strong country could be, but this changed after Soviet troops overran Hungary. Like many activists all over the world, they quit party work over the issue of Hungary, but remained radical in their politics.

Boone recounts he was the oldest in his class when in the mid-'60s he registered for a Ph.D. in history at Boston University. He got his doctorate in 1971, with a thesis on the social and political origins of the Anti-Imperialist League. The Philippines was the key issue in those campaigns of the anti-imperialist movement, which was centered in Massachusetts. Out of this thesis emerged the book, "Republic or Empire: American Resistance to the Philippine War," which became an instant classic in the '70s because of the uncanny parallelism between the Philippine-American War and the Vietnam War. While the Anti-Imperialist League eventually fell apart, the American protest against the Vietnam War hugely contributed to the US withdrawal from Indochina in 1975.

But memory is short when you are the world's lone superpower. After only one generation, American troops are back abroad, "defending democracy" and protecting American interests at the expense of other peoples' sovereign rights. Last year, at the height of the protest against the war in Iraq, Boone's friends issued a limited edition of "Republic or Empire," to remind Americans, in the powerful words of Howard Zinn's preface, "about us, our country, our violence and our hypocrisy, our movements of protest, our political maneuverings and moral anguish, our despair, our bit of hope that history, which so often repeats itself, also, sometimes, leaps in a new direction."

Boone correctly saw the connection between American security interests in the Pacific and American support for the Marcos dictatorship. This partnership was firmly anchored on the presence of American bases in the Philippines. With some friends, Boone established the Friends of the Filipino People, which took upon itself the task of informing the American people of their government's complicity in human rights violations and oppression under Marcos.

It was during this time that I first met Boone. In one of his visits to Manila in the late '70s, he was with Peggy. We invited them to a party at our house in the University of the Philippines. He still remembers the occasion. The singing and merrymaking that evening seemed to belie the harshness of that period.

Boone rejoiced when the Marcos regime came down in 1986, but he was ecstatic when the last American ship left Subic Naval Base in 1991. He felt that his mission had been accomplished, and that he could fade quietly. Sometime later, he wrote me, asking if I had any use for his lifetime Filipiniana collection. He mobilized his friends to help him choose and pack the books, and he raised the freight money himself. Today, these finest and rarest of books on the Philippines form part of the Third World Studies Library at UP. "These books belong to your country," he wrote, "and I was happy to have collected them for you; I hope your students can use them."

On our first day in Cambridge last Monday, my wife Karina and I were strolling along Mt. Auburn St. when suddenly I was gripped by something familiar. Boone lives near here, I said. I had meant to check the phone book for his address, little knowing that my feet would take me to him on the very first hour of my American visit.

And there he was by the kitchen, blankly scanning the front page of The NY Times, as if he had never left the breakfast table from the last time I saw him in 1998. He looked up and studied our faces, and smiled. "Welcome, my old friends," he said with great affection, as he held out his frail arms. He remembers our names. In the next instant, he was almost apologetic that Peggy wasn't there to welcome us. His loss seemed boundless. "We were married for 65 years, and we fought only once—soon after we married. For four months she gave me the silent treatment so I could wake up from my illusions as a male supremacist." Boone was far from fading; the old wit was there. For three days, I walked to his small wooden house, and sat at this American radical's feet while he talked about his life.

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The priceless legacy of the 'Polish Pope'

COMMENTARY

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SPEAKING to the crowd gathered in St. Peter's Square to greet the new pope, on Oct. 16, 1978, John Paul II said that if Divine Providence had willed that a Pole be elected to the Chair of Peter at that point in history, it seemed to mean that the Polish Church had something to contribute to the Church as a whole.

Reflecting on those words, I recalled conversations with a Polish priest-student in Rome who, before coming for studies, had been secretary to the "other" cardinal in Poland, Karol Wojtyla, the future John Paul II. He was the "other cardinal" because he was overshadowed by his senior, the formidable Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, who had suffered imprisonment under the communist regime and was seen as a hero by the Polish people for his uncompromising defense of the Church and opposition to the communist state.

The Polish student told me that, in his country, the individual bishops had no more autonomy relative to Cardinal Wyszynski than had the communist commissars relative to the Communist Party leadership. Two disciplined monoliths, the communist state and the Catholic Church, confronted each other, and neither had room for internal dissent. Cardinal Wojtyla sometimes disagreed with the policies of Wyszynski but always deferred to the latter, never allowing their disagreements to become public and resisting every effort on the part of the state to create divisions between them.

This image of loyalty to a superior was reinforced by a photograph showing the future John Paul II kneeling beside the papal chair on which his predecessor, John Paul I, was seated, and embracing the latter in a mighty bear-hug as he pledged his fidelity.

This suggests to me that when Karol Wojtyla found himself seated in that same papal chair less than two months later, it was with a sense that he had paid his dues in terms of loyalty to superiors, and that he now had the right to expect the same loyalty from others.

In the ensuing months, as I read the new pope's Sunday homilies and more formal addresses, it struck me that he saw Christianity as threatened by two powerful enemies. One of these—militant atheism—he had known at first hand. The other was more subtle but, perhaps, even more dangerous—militant secularism, the notion that one can live a good and productive life, can develop one's talents and serve one's neighbor without any reference to God; or indeed that concern with the things of God can be an obstacle to full commitment to the human and earthly task.

If the first of these two enemies had its fortresses in Eastern Europe, in China and in Cuba, the second had its bases in Western Europe and North America, from which it was spreading like a contagion to Latin America and the developing world.

The strategy which John Paul II developed to confront these double threats owed much, I suspect, to his Polish experience, and not only to the experience of discipline and loyalty to the institution. He had been trained as an intellectual, had taught philosophy, written philosophical works, and had been a member of a group of Catholic philosophers who used the writings of the young Karl Marx, particularly his respect for human freedom, to criticize the Polish Communist Party. A powerful, creative thinker, he was able to throw new light on Catholic social teaching, centering it more solidly on the dignity of the human person and bringing it to bear on issues such as the rights of labor and the Cold War. He was a master in the use of the media, and knew well how to appeal over the heads of society's "leaders" to the ordinary people, the youth in particular.

Meeting him face to face, one had the feeling that John Paul's eyes were boring into one, calling out the best in him or her in terms of faith, courage, commitment, love. He was not afraid to make heroic demands on the individual. In his philosophical writings, he emphasized human freedom, holding that by one's free acts in response to the call of truth, the human being in a sense creates oneself as a person. He had little sympathy for ideas that would diminish human freedom and pass responsibility for one's actions to psychological conditioning, social forces, or "sinful structures."

Similarly, he called for discipline in the Church as it confronts the challenges of today, and had little sympathy for dissent, or, perhaps, even for dialogue, within the Church. Historians will debate whether this element of his strategy was well chosen or reflected too much his Polish experience. It would seem that the discipline demanded and the centralization of decision-making during his pontificate run counter to the collegiality of the bishops emphasized in Vatican II, whereby they are to share in the governing of the Church, and to the role of the laity as emphasized in the same council. Many feel that his strategy has led to polarization rather than unity in the Church.

Perhaps, the conclave which will elect the successor to John Paul II, or his successor, might reflect on the three "social virtues" discussed by the same Karol Wojtyla in his philosophical work "The Acting Person." They are, first of all, solidarity by which one affirms his or her belonging to a society. Second is opposition when one is excluded from full participation in the society to which he or she belongs, as were Catholics in Poland under the communists; in such circumstances, opposition was an affirmation of belonging more than retreating into a ghetto or emigrating abroad. Third is dialogue, whereby such problems are worked out and the common good is more adequately attained.

THEY SAID

Out of tune

"Such negative hyperbole to describe the Mindanao situation is out of tune with what is happening on the ground."

—Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye on US Embassy Chargé d'Affaires Joseph Mussomeli's statement that poverty in Mindanao could turn it into the next Afghanistan

Merciless

"Selling of charcoal is our families' only means of survival after the calamity, and yet the government mercilessly stopped us from selling it."

—Liza de la Cruz, complaining of the government's decision to suspend the transportation of all forest by-products from Quezon province

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Does a cartel run the oil industry?

THE SERIES of price increases that sent pump prices of petroleum products to record levels has led to calls from different sectors to dismantle what they perceive as an oil cartel.

President Macapagal-Arroyo said the Oil Deregulation Law could be revised to strengthen its anticartel provisions.

She has ordered a government task force to convene and investigate reports that oil firms are unfairly raising prices.

The Department of Energy-Department of Justice Task Force, which was created under the Oil Deregulation Law, is mandated to act on reports of unreasonable fuel price increases.

Oil companies deny that they are colluding to bolster their profits

But a study conducted by graduate students at the University of the Philippines School of Economics showed that oil companies could be engaged in collusion.

They noted that the oil firms were fast in jacking up prices when world crude costs go up, but were slow in reducing prices when crude costs go down.

Oil companies can raise prices any time because the industry has been deregulated.

The down stream oil industry (refining, transport, marketing and retailing) was first deregulated in March 1996 through Republic Act 8180, but the Supreme Court declared it unconstitutional in November 1996.

Republic Act 8479 replaced RA 8180, paving the way for full deregulation in July 1998.

Pricing behavior could indicate tacit collusion

By Rafaelita M. Aldaba and John Michael Ian Salas

The deregulation of the downstream oil industry (covering refining, transport, marketing and retailing) in 1996 has resulted in some degree of competition as new players entered and gained a foothold in the market.

The combined share of the Big Three (Petron, Shell and Caltex) declined from 96 percent in 1998 to 90 percent in 2000 and further to around 80 percent in 2004. In 2000, 62 new players have engaged in different activities in the oil industry. The new players invested about P14 billion, with fuel bulk marketing receiving the highest level of new investments followed by retailing.

Has deregulation led to a cartel?

The Philippines imports about 97 percent of the country's total crude oil needs. It is unfortunate that the oil deregulation has coincided with rising international crude oil prices and the depreciation of the peso, which exerted further upward pressure on local pump prices.

Protests

The successive oil price increases have triggered widespread protests and the public perception that the oil deregulation has failed and led to a cartel by the big three oil companies.

Using several econometric models to assess the behavior of local retail prices of unleaded gasoline in relation to movements in crude costs, Salas (2002) found that the oil firms' decision to adjust prices is determined by changes in crude cost over the previous eight weeks. Oil firms pass on any changes in crude costs within this time frame by adjusting their retail prices.

Fast price increases

The same study found that deregulation resulted in a faster retail price adjustment to crude cost changes over time. This is encouraging since faster adjustment denotes more competitive pricing. However, this is mitigated by the fact that the adjustment speed obtained was still slow relative to the case in the United States.

Another interesting finding was the divergence in the price adjustment speed as retail prices responded more quickly and more fully to crude cost increases rather than to similar crude cost reductions.

Slow price reduction

Oil firms adjusted their retail prices faster when there are so-called under-recoveries. They increase their retail prices much faster when crude costs rise in contrast to their slower price reduction when crude costs fall.

A simulation of crude cost changes indicated that in the eight weeks following an increase in crude cost, firms were able to pass on to retail prices about 90 percent of the increase.

In contrast, firms pass on at most 60 percent in the case of a reduction in crude cost. This behavior seems to indicate that positive economic profits are being made in the industry, hence presenting opportunities for more competition.

Asymmetric pricing

Equally important, this signals the need to closely analyze firm behavior as asymmetric pricing could be an indication of tacit collusion and market power among firms in the industry.

An assessment was also made on the impact of the temporary suspension of import duties on oil products to mitigate the retail price increases. The results showed that the removal of import duties did not provide a relief to consumers as this was captured by the oil firms through increases in their profit margins.

Deregulation must be accompanied by effective competition law.

Deregulation is not a trivial process. Though politically unpalatable, it must be emphasized that deregulation does not instantaneously lead to lower prices. Given the present capacity constraint faced by the new small players, it would take some time before they can aggressively engage in price competition.

Inadequate

Our present experience indicates that deregulation alone is not enough to ensure that markets perform efficiently. Markets need rules to orient the behavior of agents and institutions to support their development. For deregulation to work, it is important to establish regulatory and competition policy framework that will protect the competitive process and encourage competitive behavior in order to promote economic efficiency.

Cabalu et al (2001) noted that the industry's current regulatory framework is still inadequate.

The penalties for violations of antitrust offenses are inappropriate and are either too harsh or too lenient. Other aspects of antitrust like mergers and government- imposed barriers to entry are not covered. There is also a lack of knowledge among enforcement officials and the judiciary to effectively enforce current laws.

Price control

Galang and Solleza (2001) added that the current Department of Justice-Department of Energy Task Force assigned to oversee anticompetitive acts in the industry is not properly equipped to effectively address the emerging competition issues as its work has been hindered by lack of manpower, lack of experience in antitrust investigations, and lack of judicial precedents in this area.

The economic justification for oil price control is weak considering that the organization of the industry is largely concentrated on downstream operations, which, unlike electricity transmission, do not exhibit natural monopoly characteristics that would warrant government economic regulation.

Without effective competition laws, firms can easily engage in anticompetitive practices such as cartels, which could weaken the gains from deregulation. If effective competition is to emerge, deregulation must be accompanied by the creation of competitive markets and industry structures along with building up our technical and institutional capacity.

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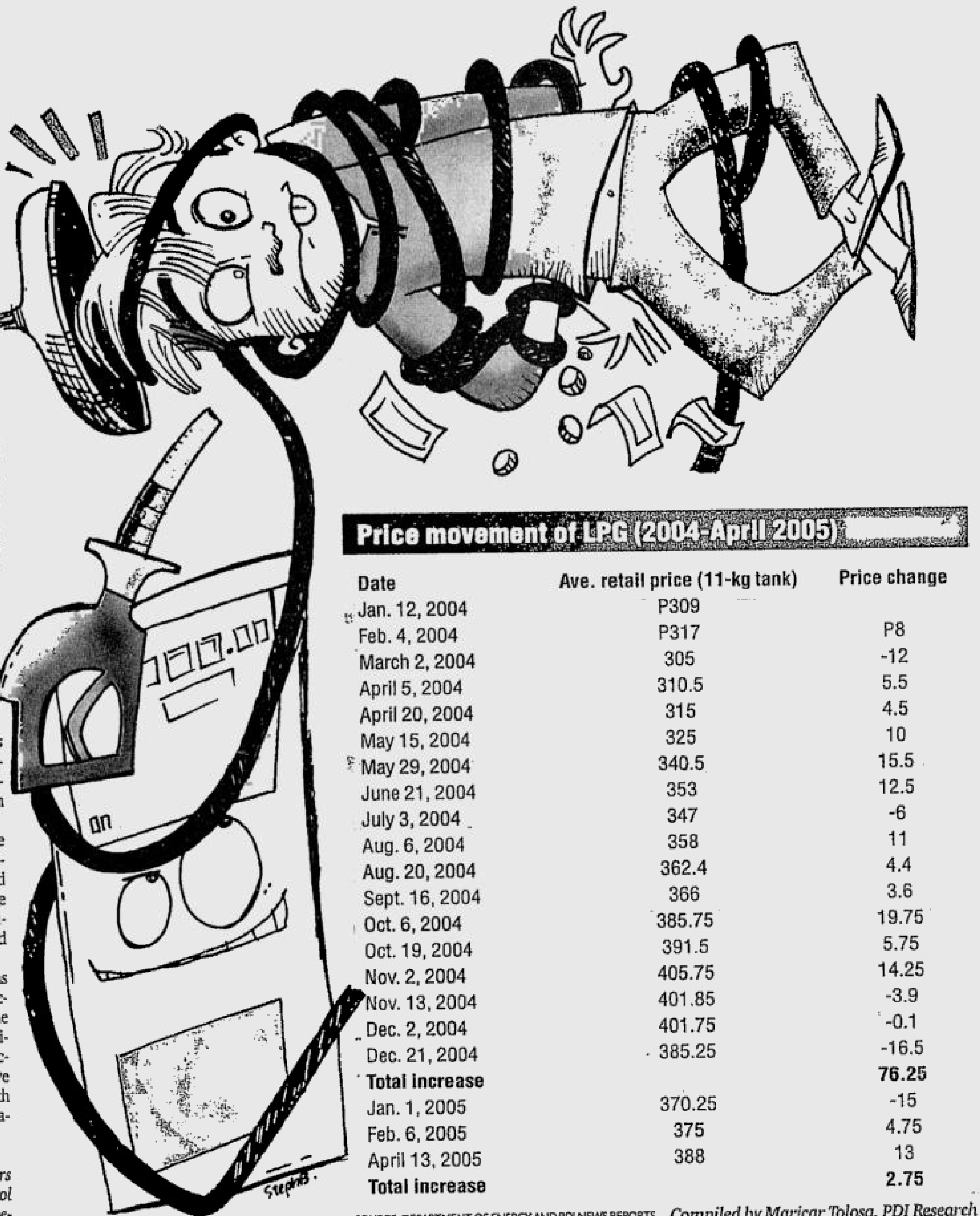

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Price movement of LPG (2004-April 2005)

Date	Ave. retail price (11-kg tank)	Price change
Jan. 12, 2004	P309	
Feb. 4, 2004	P317	P8
March 2, 2004	305	-12
April 5, 2004	310.5	5.5
April 20, 2004	315	4.5
May 15, 2004	325	10
May 29, 2004	340.5	15.5
June 21, 2004	353	12.5
July 3, 2004	347	-6
Aug. 6, 2004	358	11
Aug. 20, 2004	362.4	4.4
Sept. 16, 2004	366	3.6
Oct. 6, 2004	385.75	19.75
Oct. 19, 2004	391.5	5.75
Nov. 2, 2004	405.75	14.25
Nov. 13, 2004	401.85	-3.9
Dec. 2, 2004	401.75	-0.1
Dec. 21, 2004	385.25	-16.5
Total increase		**76.25**
Jan. 1, 2005	370.25	-15
Feb. 6, 2005	375	4.75
April 13, 2005	388	13
Total increase		**2.75**

SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND PDI NEWS REPORTS *Compiled by Maricar Tolosa, PDI Research*

Price movement of gas and diesel in Metro Manila

Date	Unleaded gas		Diesel	
	Retail price per liter	Price change	Retail price per liter	Price change
Jan. 3, 2004	P20.40-P21.58		P16.05-P17.55	
Jan. 12, 2004	P21.25-P22.08	P0.68	P16.70-P17.55	P0.55
Feb. 3, 2004	21.90 - 22.98	0.77	17.35-18.30	0.48
Feb. 20, 2004	22.60 - 23.85	0.79	17.40-18.35	0.05
April 19, 2004	22.95 - 23.98	0.24	17.40-18.35	0.00
May 19, 2004	23.95 - 24.98	1.00	18.40-19.35	1.00
June 9, 2004	24.85 - 25.88	0.90	19.50-20.25	1.00
Aug. 2, 2004	25.30 - 26.38	0.50	20.00-20.75	0.50
Aug. 19, 2004	25.60 - 26.68	0.30	20.30-21.05	0.30
Sept. 10, 2004	26.30 - 26.93	0.45	21.00-21.85	0.75
Sept. 30, 2004	25.80 - 26.43	-0.25	20.70-21.55	-0.30
Oct. 11, 2004	26.05 - 26.68	0.00	21.65-22.50	0.95
Oct. 14, 2004	26.05 - 27.01	0.16	22.00-22.95	0.40
Oct. 25, 2004	26.05 - 27.00	-0.01	22.45-23.30	0.40
Nov. 4, 2004	26.50 - 27.46	0.46	22.45-23.30	0.00
Nov. 17, 2004	27.50 - 28.46	1.00	22.95-23.80	0.50
Nov. 24, 2004	27.20 - 28.16	-0.30	22.65-23.50	-0.15
Total increase		**6.69**		**6.43**
Jan. 1, 2005	27.20 - 28.16	0.00	22.95-23.80	0.15
Jan. 6, 2005	26.20 - 27.16	-1.00	22.95-23.80	0.00
Feb. 7, 2005	26.70 - 27.78	0.56	23.35-23.90	0.25
March 9, 2005	27.80 - 28.88	1.10	24.29-24.90	0.97
March 13, 2005	28.30 - 29.30	0.50	24.79-25.40	0.50
March 18, 2005	28.80 - 29.80	0.50	25.29-26.40	0.50
March 30, 2005	29.30 - 30.30	0.50	25.79-26.40	0.50
April 2, 2005	30.80 - 30.80		26.29-26.90	
Total increase		**2.16**		**2.87**

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We don't have a cartel

By Rex V. Tantiongco

Oil companies are being crucified and unfairly accused of cartelization.

What is a cartel?

Cartel is defined as "the collusion of companies to control profit or eliminate competition." To bolster this allegation, it was cited that the oil companies increase prices at the same time and the amounts were about the same.

The increase in international oil prices cannot be denied or disputed. It is extensively reported and discussed in media. The situation is not within the control of the oil companies. Neither is it to their advantage.

From December 2004 to April 7, 2005, the international price for diesel rose by 42 percent while the oil companies in the country increased prices by only 15 percent.

Accumulated losses

The oil companies followed the Department of Energy's suggestion to make small weekly increases in recovering their losses. The idea is to cushion the impact on small consumers.

But this was detrimental to the oil companies because the small increases could not keep pace with the spiraling international prices.

As a result, the oil companies' losses accumulated. Their under-recovery ballooned to P4.54 per liter, an amount that anyone can verify.

To ensure viability, each company must recover its costs. And in determining price increases, decisions must be made in light of the competition. Thus, we see a "convergence of pricing." A company cannot set a price too high lest no one buys. It cannot set the price too low lest it loses viability or even run out of stock. This is why market prices tend to be uniform.

If one visits the marketplace, prices of fish, chicken, vegetables and meat are all in the same range. Is that a cartel?

If there is a cartel, why do the oil companies allow an "under-recovery" situation ?

Petron, the biggest oil company, enjoyed gross margins of 11 percent before the advent of deregulation. Its margin decreased to 8.25 percent after deregulation—a 25-percent drop. This is because it cannot arbitrarily raise prices in the face of stiff competition. The company risks losing market share if it raises prices arbitrarily.

One of the lowest

Fuel prices in the Philippines are among the lowest in Asia, except in Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia where fuel is heavily subsidized by their governments. The retail price of diesel in the country is only about P26.50 per liter while it is P52.27 in Hong Kong and P46.78 in South Korea.

The Independent Philippine Petroleum Companies Association is optimistic that the spiraling world oil prices will soon lose momentum and abate. When this happens, we hope to fully recover our viability and be able to roll back prices. This we pray for the economic welfare of our nation. Meanwhile, we simply have to survive to be able to continue our role of fiscalizing the industry through free and open competition for the benefit of the Filipino consumer.

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INQUIRER Mindanao

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Child-friendly town also turtle-friendly

CHILDREN join in the release of 35 turtle hatchlings last Feb. 20 in Barangay Old Poblacion, Maitum town, Sarangani province.
AQUILES ZONIO

By Aquiles Zonio
Maitum, Sarangani

MAITUM in Sarangani took pride in being adjudged the "most child-friendly town" in the country in 2003. Now, local officials are not only teaching residents to be child-friendly but are also teaching them, particularly children, to be turtle-friendly.

As proof of the local government's dedication to preserve and protect endangered sea turtles, a turtle hatchery was put up two years ago in Barangay Old Poblacion.

The facility, which is being supervised by the municipal environment office, has already released 1,295 turtle hatchlings into the sea despite funding constraints and shortage of personnel.

On Feb. 20, local journalists were invited to witness the release of 65 more hatchlings, 59 of them six-day-olds and six one-month-olds. Only 35 were freed, however, because school officials in the area had requested that the rest be released by schoolchildren in order to raise their awareness on the importance of protecting the sea creatures.

Nesting site

Female turtles usually return to the same beach where they were hatched to lay eggs.

"We consider Barangay Old Poblacion a nesting site for marine turtles. That is why a hatchery was put up here," said Jerry Bascuña, municipal environment officer.

Sightings of turtles nesting in seven other coastal barangays prompted local legislators to pass Municipal Resolution No. 2004-089, declaring coastal areas in the town "critical nesting habitat for marine turtles."

A staff member of the hatchery was assigned to monitor the beach daily. Once turtle eggs are found, they are brought to the incubation chamber to ensure their security and protection.

It takes 50 to 60 days before the eggs start to hatch, depending on the species.

Bascuña said they were told to transfer the incubation chamber to an open area. "Once the eggs are put in an open area, chances are there are more females than males," he said.

Obstacles

One of the main problems faced by the local government in the protection and conservation of turtles is lack of funds. The budget earmarked for mangrove maintenance, the source of funds for the hatchery, is a measly P95,000 yearly.

"We lack technical know-how to determine the species of turtles hatched. Aside from that, we need further research to gain knowledge on how to protect and conserve turtles," Bascuña said.

To raise public consciousness about the importance of turtle conservation and protection, the environment official encouraged children to actively participate in releasing the hatchlings.

Before the hatchery was set up, Bascuña said people living near the shoreline feasted on turtle meat and eggs. Now, he said, no one would harm the turtle or touch the eggs.

Turtle species frequenting the area include the hammerhead, loggerhead, leatherback, green turtle, hawksbill and olive ridley.

Guiseppe Chiew, a marine biologist based in Sarangani, claimed that captive hatchlings had a one-percent rate of survival up to the maturity age of 50 years.

The best way to protect turtles, he said, was to leave them alone.

"It's quite disheartening to know that turtle hatchlings released into the sea have a very slim survival rate. But what is more important is we do our part in protecting this extinct sea creature," Bascuña said.

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US committed to back talks with MILF

COTABATO CITY—Despite apprehension on the reported links between the Jemaah Islamiyah and some factions within the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), the United States remains supportive of the peace negotiations between the Philippine government and the rebel group, a ranking US official said.

US Chargé d'Affaires Joseph Mussomeli said the reports of rebel links with terrorist groups have never pointed to the MILF as an organization, but rather to individual rebels who may have links with the terrorist network.

He said reports quoting Ambassador Christopher Hill, the incoming assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, that the United States was planning to include the MILF in its list of terror groups have no basis.

No plans

"We do not have any current plans to put the MILF as an institution on the (terror) list," Mussomeli said.

Mussomeli said the reports were "too bad" because the US support to the peace process has not wavered.

"The US government continues to be a very strong supporter of the peace process between the Philippine government and the MILF," Mussomeli said in a statement on Friday.

Government and MILF peace negotiators were set to hold a round table discussion on Monday to Wednesday in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

One of the issues to be taken up would be the question on ancestral domain.

Mussomeli said the United States was hoping that the peace process would eventually succeed.

"We're still hoping and pushing for the peace process to succeed," he said.

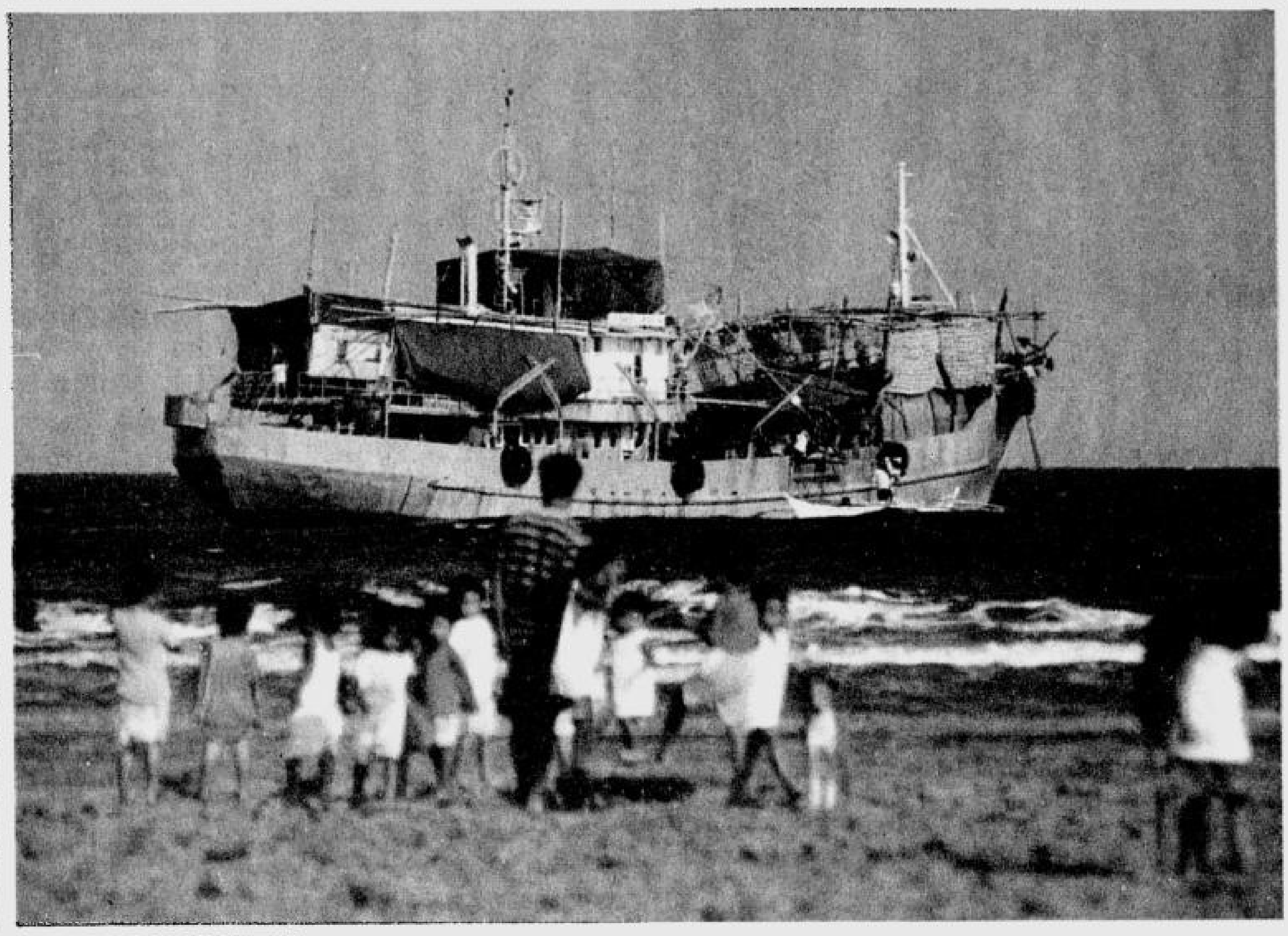
Mussomeli said that the commitment of the United States to give $30 million in development aid for MILF areas stands particularly "if they would be more serious in the peace process."

Hopes for the talks remain high despite periodic clashes between MILF guerrillas and government soldiers.

The MILF has been suspected of harboring gunmen with links with terrorist organizations but this has not prevented negotiators from both sides from pursuing the talks.

The MILF has also, in some instances, helped pursue criminals who stray into the rebel territory.

The rebel group has also helped fight kidnappings mostly of Chinese-Filipino businessmen in Mindanao. *Joeffrey Maitem, PDI Mindanao Bureau*



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Drivers predict diesel to cost P40

BAGUIO CITY—How can a poor jeepney driver survive with a P100 earning a day?

Through magic, according to the Pinagkaisang Samahan ng Tsuper at Operator Nationwide-Metro Baguio(Piston-Metro Baguio).

A jeepney driver may not even survive before the year ends because oil prices have increased seven times in the first quarter, said Piston.

This amounted to P3.50 per liter of diesel, gasoline and kerosene and almost P3 per kilogram of liquefied petroleum gas, it added.

In a press forum here Friday, Piston said the transport sector has expressed fear that the price of diesel may reach P40 per liter before the year ends.

"The impact of another P2 per liter specific taxes on all oil products is yet to come. The impact of lifting of value-added tax (VAT) exemption of oil products is yet to come. How would a poor driver survive all of this when it comes?" asked Carlito Wayas, president of Piston-Metro Baguio.

More than 10 jeepney associations have committed to join the nationwide transport strike on Monday, he said.

However, some jeepney associations are not joining the strike and are instead seeking fare increases.

In Bulacan, more transport groups in the province are joining the strike they dubbed "Tigil Pasada Sama-sama sa Kalsada." *Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau, and Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

ROUNDUP

New patrol jeeps

LEGAZPI CITY—Police chief Director General Arturo Lomibao vowed to give new mobile patrol jeeps for police especially in Masbate and Catanduanes provinces. During his visit here Wednesday, Lomibao said the mobile service will help the police force protect people against New People's Army attacks.
Michael B. Jaucian, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Recovered logs

LUCENA CITY—Some 25 pieces of squared hardwood logs were recovered in a grassy portion of Barangay Minahan Norte, General Nakar by police and municipal environment and natural resources officer Jing Astejada on Tuesday. The abandoned forest products consist of 2,600 board feet red lauan amounting to about P20,000. Investigators said the logs sourced from Sierra Madre forest were left by illegal loggers after realizing that they couldn't just pass the government checkpoints along the way. The logs were turned over to the local office of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for proper disposition.
Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Cop, 2 others held

PAGBILAO, Quezon—A new member of the provincial police mobile group (PPMG) and two others were arrested on Wednesday by police here, while in the act of extorting money from a motorist. The arrested suspects were identified as PO1 Venancio Luciano, a member of the 417th PPMG based in Gumaca; Rommel de Rama and Mark Lucila. A police report said a concerned motorist informed the local police that the three men have been mulcting money from motorists in Barangay Silangang Malicboy here. Investigators said the suspects aboard a tricycle overtook a truck and at gunpoint ordered the truck driver to stop and demanded money. The police recovered the P1,150 extorted from the motorist. The lawmen also seized an unlicensed cal. 45 pistol from Luciano.
Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Fest exec seeks support

LUCENA CITY—Noted hairstylist James Cooper, chair of the "Pasayahan sa Lucena 2005," called on businessmen to support the annual city festival, which is held every last week of May. Cooper said the enthusiastic response of the residents and business sector would help ensure the success of the local government tourism program. To attract more tourists, he said, the city should adopt a unique identity and not just copy festivals in other places. Cooper said this year's festival will have a new event in the street painting contest but it will also have the traditional street dancing competition along the city's main avenue.
Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

PDI man's brother killed

SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ—Florentino Roque, 60, younger brother of INQUIRER Nueva Ecija correspondent Anselmo Roque, died on Saturday morning after he was hit by an unidentified vehicle in Zaragoza, Nueva Ecija. Roque, according to his brother Anselmo, was aboard his bicycle at about 4:30 a.m. Saturday when the vehicle sideswiped him. The accident happened along the national highway, about 150 meters from the Zaragoza town hall. Roque died in a hospital in Tarlac City before noon Saturday due to head injuries. The family has appealed to policemen to identify and arrest the driver of the vehicle that hit Roque. He is survived by wife Luzviminda and their four sons.
PDI Central Luzon Desk

Negros workers demand ₱100 wage hike

BACOLOD CITY—Ten labor organizations in Negros Occidental on Thursday filed a petition at the Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board (RTW-PB) in Western Visayas for a P100 increase in their daily minimum wage.

The petitioners were the Democratic Alliance of Labor Organizations, United Sugar and Allied Services, Workers Amalgamated Union of the Philippines, Commercial and Agro-Industrial Labor Organization, National Congress of Unions in the Sugar Industry of the Philippines, Philippine Agriculture, Commercial and Industrial Workers Union, Trade Union of Filipino Workers, Alliance of Labor for Reform, Federation of Rural Workers and Lakas-PAFLU.

Reason

They cited as reason for their demand the continuing increase in oil prices, increase in prices of basic commodities and high rates of utilities, which includes public utility fare.

The petitioners said the P100 daily increase will not even improve the standard of living of workers and their families but will merely restore their declining purchasing power.

The P10 wage increase approved by the board that took effect on Aug. 16, 2004, was "not fair, equitable and reasonable anymore," the petitioners said.

"Clearly, as borne out by no less than the official Consumer Price Index (CPI) data, prices would rise 3 to 4 times between the period January 2004 to April 2005, thus necessitating an increase of the daily minimum wage by at least P100 a day," they added.

The group said the CPI rose to more than 200 to 350 percent but wages increased only by a little more than 100 percent for the same period. *Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau*

MELON FUN JOAN BONDOC

Candaba Mayor Jerry Pelayo (first from left), Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap and Rep. Ana York Bondoc and other Pampanga officials appear to be enjoying holding honeydew in a plantation in Candaba.

Bayan Muna supporter shot dead; wife hurt

By Joey A. Gabieta
PDI Visayas Bureau

TACLOBAN CITY—Two still unidentified armed men shot dead a Bayan Muna supporter in Leyte and wounded his wife on Friday morning while they were on their way to work.

Alfredo Davis, 45, a court interpreter, was driving his multicab with his wife, Imelda, 43, a court stenographer, on board and was on his way to the municipal court when they were fired upon by two motorcycle-riding men. The attack happened at 7:45 a.m. along Barangay San Vicente in Mahaplag town, some 3 km from the Davis residence.

Davis suffered five bullet wounds in the neck and stomach and was declared dead on arrival at a hospital in this city, some 89 km from Mahaplag. His wife, who was hit in the shoulder, was declared out of danger.

Imelda, who is a member of Abanse Pinay, declined to be interviewed. The couple has two children.

Nestor Nirza, Bayan Muna's regional information officer, said Davis' body was brought back to his residence by his older brother, Ricardo, close to midnight Friday.

Ricardo said they were still at a loss as to the motive of the killing. "He was a good man," he said.

DENR bares fake title of GenSan farm lot

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—The Department of Environment and Natural Resources office in Central Mindanao has uncovered bogus titles covering a prime agri-industrial land here.

The discovery of the fake titles was prompted by complaints from Alsons Development and Investment Corp. (Aldevinco) that a group has been peddling titles covering the 700-hectare land that it possesses under an Integrated Forest Management Agreement.

On March 9, Jim Sampulna, DENR regional director, created a team to investigate Alson's complaint.

After a series of investigation, the team, led by Felix Alicer, concluded that the titles in the possession of Romeo Confessor and several other persons were not real.

The team cited eight findings as bases for its conclusion.

These included the absence of records, either in the Register of Deeds or in the Land Management Bureau, that could show the existence of public land applications covering PSU-117171 and PSU-120055. *Aquiles Z. Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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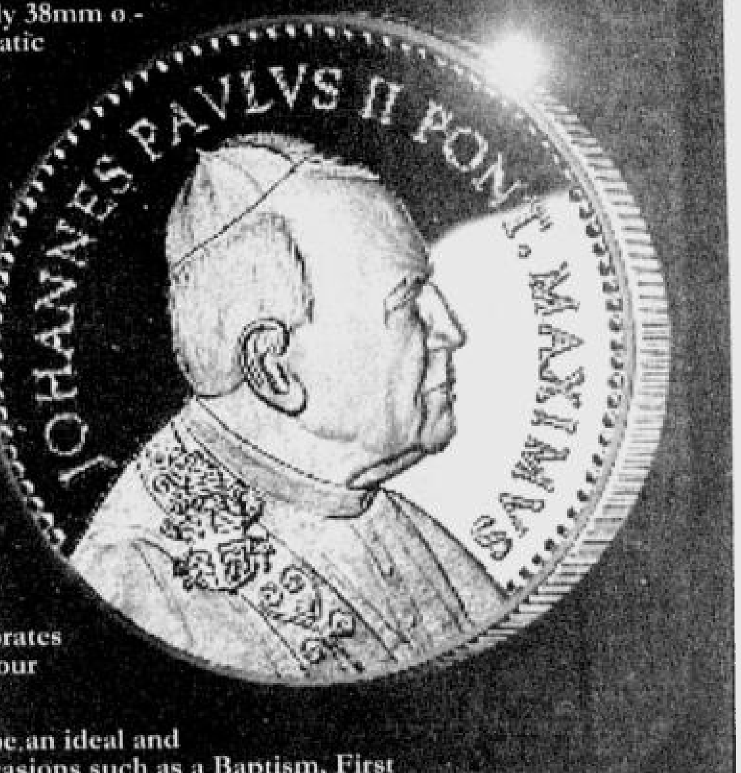

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BIR to Church: You're next if you sell rosaries

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ting letters and calls from religious groups—including the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines—seeking clarification and asking what they needed to do.

Parayno explained that when BIR people "go and audit the [tax] returns of an organization, it is not done for the purpose of determining liability or lack of it. Not necessarily."

Maybe only negligent

Most of the time, they only try to rationalize tax records to see whether the supposed tax dodger was only negligent in declaring or paying taxes or doing it deliberately, he said.

In the case of church organizations, Parayno said, "they may have forgotten to pay their dues [or] failed to pay it for lack of money ... although they declared their income."

"They have declared their income, although some did not, thinking that they are tax-exempt," he said. "So, we tell them it does not mean that because it is exempted you do not declare it, and they reply: 'Oh! Is that so, then we pay, but please don't impose penalties on us.'"

Reward system

The BIR has put up a reward system to catch tax cheats.

For his part, Chief State Prosecutor Jovencito Zuño said he had ordered Department of Justice prosecutors to speed up the resolution of RATE cases, many of which are in the preliminary investigation stage.

"We are going to act on the RATE cases with dispatch," he said.

Exemption is not absolute

Finance Undersecretary Emmanuel Bonoan, who is active in the RATE program, said that under the Constitution, "religious and educational activities are generally exempted from the payment of taxes."

But Bonoan said that, although the putting up of schools, churches and buildings by religious leaders was exempt from taxes, they had to pay taxes for the businesses put up in those places.

"Taxes are imposed if they engage in proprietorial activities," he said. "For example, if they rent out those buildings or church spaces for business and commercial activities then they have to pay taxes for that. The renting out of space is not tax-free."

Constitutional constraints

Proposals to tax churches are severely bound by constitutional constraints.

Under the Constitution, "charitable institutions, churches and parsonages or convents appurtenant thereto, mosques, non-profit cemeteries, and all lands, buildings and improvements, actually, directly, and exclusively used for religious, charitable, or educational purposes shall be exempt from taxation."

But a finance department official has pointed out that only religious services or non-profit activities that fulfill the objective of spreading religion—like baptismal, matrimonial and funeral services—are tax-exempt.

Selling of rosaries

The official says profit-oriented activities that are taxable include the selling of rosaries and other religious items, profits from investments by religious groups, the lease of their land, and the rent from dormitories operated by Church-run schools. *With PDI Research*

PARAYNO: It's a secret

Bishop ...

From page A1

The world's bookies maintain a thriving business placing odds on who the next pope will be, while journalists keep themselves busy, and their readers confused, by reporting the latest speculation on who it will be.

But what all these people need to do is sit down over a cappuccino at a Roman café and survey the prophecies of a 12th-century archbishop, Saint Malachy.

He had it all sorted out. He had even named the new pope—sort of.

Sadly, also, he had told us we haven't much longer to live. But more of that later.

Depending on how you interpret Malachy, the next pope will either be France's Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger or Ennio Antonelli, the archbishop of Florence.

Strange vision

During a visit to Rome in 1139, Malachy, according to accounts that emerged from documents discovered in the 16th century but never authenticated, had a strange vision that revealed to him a long list of illustrious pontiffs who were to rule the Church until the end of time.

He did not foresee their names, but rather a distinguishing trait, or an allusion to a country, coat of arms or insignia—given in Latin—of each of the 112 popes that were to succeed Celestine II, who was elected in 1130.

For example, Malachy's prophecy concerning Urban VIII was Lilium et Rosa (lily and rose). The coat of arms of Urban's native Florence featured a fleur-de-lis. He also had three bees emblazoned on his escutcheon, and the bees gather honey from the lilies and roses.

This is where the story gets complicated, and a bit frightening.

2nd to last pope?

According to Malachy, who didn't have a bad batting average, even if many of the traits had been attributed to new popes after they were elected, John Paul II was the third-to-the-last pope.

Yes, only two more will follow, including the one about to be elected.

Malachy's clue to his identity is Gloria olivae (the glory of the olive tree).

Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, described the Jews as a cultivated olive tree. So that points to the "Jewish" cardinal, 78-year-old Jean-Marie Lustiger, born in Paris to a family of Polish Jews and originally named Aaron, who converted to Catholicism when he was 14.

The problem is, Archbishop Antonelli also fits the description.

Florence archbishop

One of his former classmates in seminary school, Don Angelo Fanucci, has long been convinced that he will win the papacy—on the basis of Malachy's prophecy.

Fanucci noted that not only is Antonelli from Umbria, "the land of olive trees," but also the Florence archbishop's staff bears "the sun—symbol of glory—and an olive tree. For this reason, I've always predicted to him that he will be the next pope," Fanucci told the ANSA news agency.

Just to top off the story, a Colombian author has predicted that the next pope will be assassinated, and that his death will spark a Muslim invasion of the West that will split the Church.

Nostradamus

Gonzalo Echeverri is the author of a book on another prophet, a 16th-century French physician known as Nostradamus, who also issued a string of prophecies on future popes.

"The next pope elected will be subsequently murdered in central Italy. Then comes pope number 112, who will flee Rome because of an attack by Muslims," Echeverri said.

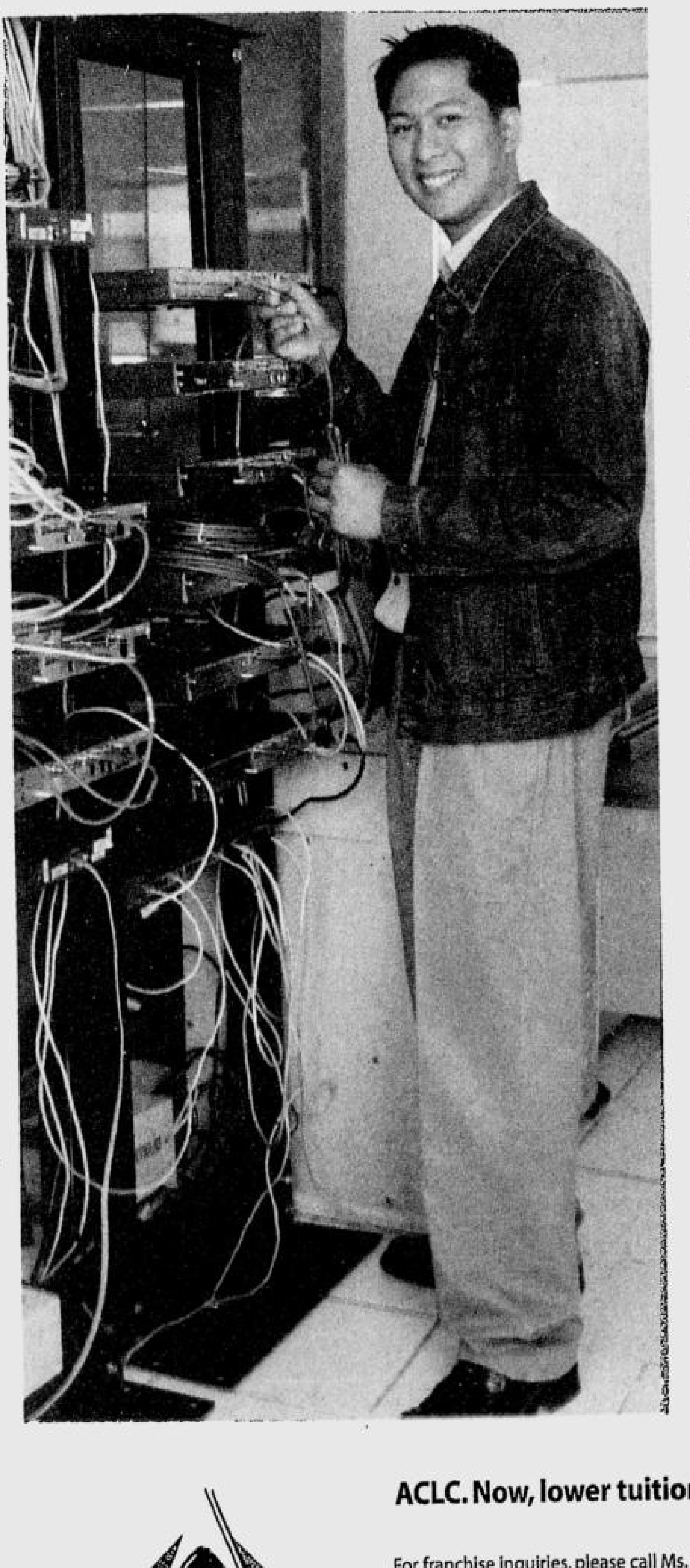
According to Echeverri, the pope will base himself in Avignon, France, and another pontiff will take control in Italy, splitting the Church in two.

"There is a very clear prophecy that says the Holy Father will move to another place, even warning that the French pope will not be able to stay in Avignon due to the Muslim invasion and will flee again to Lyon, where he will be attacked, according to Nostradamus," Echeverri said.

Grave divisions

Avignon was a base for popes for much of the 14th century, another time of grave divisions in the Church and Europe.

Nostradamus' supporters say he predicted the French revolution, the rise of Hitler and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. AFP



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Medal parade turns into mourning for RP peacemakers

CAMP ALPHA, Haiti—A "medal parade" honoring United Nations peacekeepers from the Philippines became a ceremony of mourning on Friday, a day after one of them was shot dead in a tense slum of Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince.

About half the Philippine contingent was lined up in neat rows on a gravel lot at the camp. They were there to be pinned with medals marking six months of service in Haiti, and parade in front of a reviewing stand of dignitaries.

The other half could not attend as they were already on patrol as morning broke. A hot sun bore down on the soldiers, who carried automatic rifles and wore heavy jungle camouflage uniforms and blue flak jackets that matched their UN blue helmets.

The circumstances of the death of Staff Sgt. Antonio Batomalaque, of Davao, Philippines, are yet unclear.

A Reuters report quoting UN officials said he was killed when a group of soldiers were attacked as they set up a checkpoint on a route used by local outlaws in the impoverished Cité Soleil neighborhood, one of Haiti's most dangerous areas.

But the Philippines' Department of Foreign Affairs said he was helping lay pipes for a road project when killed. *(See story on Page A1.)*

Ambassador Lauro Baja, the Philippines' permanent representative to the UN and a member of the Security Council delegation, told the soldiers they were "the best ambassadors of goodwill."

FILIPINO UN peacekeepers appear in formation during a ceremony honoring them and their slain comrade, Technical Sgt. Antonio Batomalaque. AP

"When the stories of the Filipinos in international peacekeeping operations are told, it will be a story of the brave Filipinos who faced difficulties, who faced challenges, and came out victorious for international peace and security, for the principles of the United Nations," he said.

After the ceremony, the soldiers picked at snacks and took pictures in brave poses with digital cameras.

'A good guy'

The contingent commander, Lt. Col. Daniel Lucero, spoke with Reuters about Batomalaque.

"He was a good guy. He was with the Army back home. He arrived in Haiti last Dec. 20, and he has a wife and three children back home," Lucero said.

"As peacekeepers in Haiti, we have been in many dangerous places. This will further strengthen the resolve of the Philippines to participate in UN operations," he added.

Batomalaque was the fifth peacekeeper to die in Haiti and the third killed in action since the mission began in June after President Jean-Bertrand Aristide fled the country in the face of an armed rebellion.

The UN base on the fringes of Port-au-Prince is inhabited by peacekeepers from Brazil, Guatemala and the Philippines.

Dismay, sadness

In New York, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan expressed "dismay and sadness" at the death of the Filipino soldier.

"He vigorously condemns all violence against UN personnel," UN spokesperson Fred Eckhard said.

The peacekeeping operation's goal is to stabilize Haiti and prepare for elections scheduled for November. The UN Security Council wants an elected government in power in Haiti by February 2006.

Human rights groups say more than 650 people have been killed since September, but members of a Security Council delegation now visiting Haiti have expressed optimism that the country was moving toward stability after peacekeepers adopted a more aggressive stance in recent weeks. *Reuters*

Peacekeeper

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By Merly's account, her husband was a typical military officer trained to be reticent about his work—not letting even his loved ones in on the nature of his latest mission, giving no hint of the dangers he faced daily in the field.

Uncertain

"I last saw him on Dec. 17 last year," she said. "And we last spoke on the phone on March 30, the birthday of our second child. He would always tell us not to worry."

"We're used to facing hard times together. But it's different now that he's gone," she said.

UN peacekeepers, Haiti cops kill 10 gunmen

PORT-AU-PRINCE—Haitian police and United Nations peacekeepers killed as many as 10 gunmen in a joint crackdown on lawlessness in the volatile Cite Soleil slum on Friday, a senior UN peacekeeper said.

The operation involved 160 Jordanian peacekeepers and several dozen Haitian police.

"We know that there are bandits who have been killed. They are between five and 10," said Commander Carlos Chagas, an assistant to Gen. Augusto Heleno, the UN force commander.

"The operation will continue," Chagas said.

UN officials said the operation was aimed at restoring order in Cite Soleil, Haiti's most dangerous and most impoverished slum, and also at finding Dread Wilmer, the leader of Cite Soleil's main gang and loyal to former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

The operation also coincided with the first visit to Haiti by ambassadors from the 15-nation UN Security Council.

After talks with the council on Thursday, Interim Prime Minister Gerard Latortue said during a visit to police headquarters in the Haitian capital on Friday that his government had worked out a deal with the international community, including the United States, to obtain police weapons and equipment.

The United States has had an arms embargo on Haiti since the early 1990s, and diplomats said the change in policy was a sign of Washington's recognition that the government and the police needed more help to cope with lawless armed groups.

The US State Department's latest annual report on human rights expressed concern about allegations of summary executions and other abuses by Haiti's police.

Rights groups say that more than 650 people have been gunned down in Haiti since September. *Reuters*

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Opus Dei, Focolare clout seen as factor in conclave

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During the long pontificate of John Paul II, the movements were called the "Pope's armada" for their closeness and loyalty to the late Pontiff.

Now, as the conclave prepares to open tomorrow to select the successor to John Paul II, they are in a position to install a member or a sympathizer as the Vicar of Christ on earth.

"They have a prevalent place in the Vatican," Rome-based Spanish Dominican Carlos Rodriguez said, referring to the Opus Dei, Focolare, Legionnaires for Christ and Communion and Liberation.

"They are a factor in the papacy."

While their dramatic growth is attributed to the laity-friendly reforms unleashed by the Second Vatican Council, the Opus Dei and other movements like it are very conservative.

Critical of new theologies

Some of their leaders and theologians are critical of new theologies and innovative liturgies that grew out of the Second Vatican Council.

The promise of an Opus Dei papacy is reflected in Cardinal Juan Luis Cipriani, the archbishop of Lima, Peru, and Spanish Cardinal Juan Herranz, the head of the Pontifical Council for the Interpretations of Legislative Texts.

Potential pope?

Both are members of the Opus Dei's Priestly Society of the Holy Cross.

Cipriani, 62, is not widely considered a papabile, or perceived papal contender, but speculations that the conclave would prefer a non-European cardinal make him still a potential candidate.

By virtue of his Vatican post, Herranz, 75, is considered a contender. As head of the Vatican agency for legislative texts, he is the Catholic church's foremost canon lawyer.

Herranz also heads the Roman Curia's Disciplinary Commission, which handles cases of clerical malpractices and abuses.

Aside from Herranz, there are five Opus Dei priests working in the Vatican bureaucracy, the same number as the Jesuits.

The number does not include Joaquin Navarro-Valls, a physician who is Vatican spokesperson.

Lashing out at 'Da Vinci'

Opus Dei also has several Cardinal sympathizers, like Tarciso Bertone of Genoa.

Bertone created a media stir by lashing out at "The Da Vinci Code," the controversial best-selling American novel which tells about a centuries-old conspiracy to hide the identity of Christ and dismiss the role of Mary Magdalene and women in the Church.

The novel opens with an Opus Dei priest killing the curator of the Louvre museum.

The other lay groups also have cardinal sympathizers and close connections to the Vatican.

Cardinal Angelo Sodano and Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the Vatican secretary of state and prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith respectively, are close to Focolare.

Sodano and Ratzinger are seen as leading papal contenders.

Cardinal Dionigi Tettamanzi of Milan, 71, spoke during the funeral of Msgr. Luigi Guissani, founder of Communion and Liberation.

As the popular bishop of Italy's richest diocese, Tettamanzi is believed to be the top Italian papal contender.

God's Work

Often perceived as ultra-conservative, the Opus Dei, Focolare and similar groups are called "new movements" in the church, said Fr. Antonio Pernia, superior general of the Society of the Divine Word, a missionary order.

They are "new" because they represent new initiatives in the Church.

The phrase "new movement" was popularized by the founder of Focolare, Chiara Lubich, a former schoolteacher, who called for "new" movements and ministries to cater to young and adult Catholics.

Opus Dei (Latin for "God's Work") was founded in Spain in 1928 by Fr. Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer, who was canonized by John Paul II in 2002 in one of the swiftest canonizations in history.

Opus Dei members come mainly from the professional class. The group, with 80,000 members worldwide, says it aims to promote the evangelizing mission of the Church in government, education, business and the professions.

Primarily lay

But what makes it different is that some members are "numeraries" who take religious vows and make personal and financial commitments to the group.

The group also has priest-members, which makes it a unique group, a revolution in Church spirituality and organization.

The religious orders, like the Franciscans and Dominicans, have clergy and non-clergy members who, however, take religious vows. They have lay organizations known as the Third Order.

In contrast, Opus Dei is primarily lay but with clerical members.

"Opus Dei was the first organization in the Church—at least for many centuries—to reject every existing category in the Church and indeed every definition others tried to make of it," said Gordon Urquhart, who wrote the book, "The Pope's Armada."

Church within church

"It was not an order, although it had many members with vows, many of whom were ordained priests."

Urqhart said Opus Dei's refusal to be pigeonholed allowed it to have "complete autonomy to be a church within a church."

Urqhart, himself a former Focolare, said the new movement revolved around the personalities of their founders. He called them "personality cults."

Although basically lay movements that achieved dramatic growth in the aftermath of the Second Vatican Council, the groups are traditional and even critical of Vatican II reforms.

The late Monsignor Guissani, founder of Communion and Liberation, was publisher of Communio, the theological journal that was a foil to Concilium, a liberal journal espousing Vatican II reforms.

Although critical of religious orders for their alleged liberalism, Opus Dei and the other groups take their inspiration from them.

Opus Dei established its own university in Navarre, copying the example of the Dominicans who run the University of Salamanca.

In Rome, Opus Dei put up the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, copying the Jesuits with their Pontifical Gregorian University, and the Dominicans with their Pontifical University of St. Thomas (more known as the Angelicum).

Lubich, meanwhile, has put forward an alternative economic model, the "economics of communion," in contrast to the development models pressed by Franciscan, Jesuit, Dominican and Redemptorist priests.

Clash with religious

Because of the new movements' closeness to the Vatican, religious orders feel left out, said Pernia.

"There is an impression along that line," Pernia said. "Some officials of the Vatican tend to promote the new movements at the expense of the religious orders."

As a result, relations between the Vatican and the religious orders have become problematic, as shown by the Vatican's snubbing of the conference of 800 superiors of religious orders last November, and its failure to invite their leader, a brother and a non-cleric, to the papal funeral.

Suspicions

Fr. Jerry Stookey and Pernia agreed that the Vatican may be suspicious of the religious orders for exploring new theological concepts and new missionary directions.

Cardinal Cipriani has been critical of liberation theology, which uses Marxist social analysis to reveal why social structures in Latin America are working against the poor.

When Cipriani was named archbishop of Lima, Fr. Gustavo Gutierrez, the "father of liberation theology" and a secular priest, joined the Dominicans.

Father Pinero, who heads a research center for religious studies in Rome, said the new movements satisfied certain needs for a more personal spirituality. But the Vatican tends to promote them in order to ease out religious orders, which have vibrant missionary activities in poor countries that often look "foreign" and "pagan" to the Curia.

Sinister colors

"Here in the Vatican, they make rules and regulations," Rodriguez said. "But out there in the field, the rules may not apply—and they [the Curia] are not comfortable with that."

But the religious orders should be allowed to continue with their work.

"Let's face it," Pinero said. "Who's giving credibility to the Vatican among the people in the Third World? It's the religious orders working with the poor."

Bottom line

American Vatican journalist John Allen warned against painting the Opus Dei and the other movements in sinister colors.

"The bottom line is that for those who believe in a more open, progressive Catholicism, it is a mistake to fix on Opus Dei as a sinister force lurking behind today's disappointments and setbacks," Allen said.

"Opus is more analogous to the boat lifted highest by John Paul's conservative wave."

Papal bets: Great intellect, unusual personal traits

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Cipriani Thorne, 62, led the Peruvian national basketball team to a Latin American title. He is an engineer.

Like many of his colleagues, Cardinal Miloslav Vlk, 73, of the Czech Republic speaks several languages. But he is probably the only one who speaks Esperanto, an invented, artificial language.

In the roster of cardinals, his surname is the only one without a vowel in it.

Although not a gifted polyglot, *papabile* (considered a strong contender for the papacy), Cardinal Dionigi Tettamanzi of Italy is probably the only one with corporate sponsorship. In 2000, Microsoft put out his new volume on bioethics online and on CD.

Brazil's Cardinal Eusebio Oscar, 73, known to be conservative, surprised everyone in 2001 when he advocated the legalization of drugs as an anti-poverty strategy. He is a soccer diehard.

Inside story

These interesting vignettes and trivia can be found in the profiles of the cardinals in John L. Allen Jr.'s revised and updated book "Conclave: the Politics, Personalities and Process of the Next Papal Election" (Doubleday, 2004).

A prize-winning Vatican correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter, Allen is described as "the journalist other reporters—and not a few cardinals—look to for the inside story on how all the pope's men direct the world's largest church."

He also wrote "All the Pope's Men: The Inside Story of How the Vatican Really Thinks" and "Cardinal Ratzinger: The Vatican's Enforcer of the Faith."

One-handed Jaworski

Basketball-crazy Filipinos would warm up to the name of Ukraine's Cardinal Marian Jaworski, 79.

Allen says Jaworski was perhaps the closest friend of John Paul II among the cardinals, being the only one who stayed in the papal apartments whenever he was in Rome. He and the then Karol Wojtyla served together as priests in Poland.

One time, Jaworski agreed to substitute for Wojtyla in an appointment. He took the train, was injured in an accident and lost his left hand—something John Paul II obviously never forgot.

Jaworski heads a community in Ukraine, made up largely of Poles.

Jesuits, Franciscans

Of the 117 cardinals eligible to vote in the conclave, 15 belong to religious orders/congregations.

There are three Jesuits, three Franciscans, two Salesians, two Scheut Missionaries, and one each from the Dominicans, Redemptorists, Claretians, the Schontatt Fathers and the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Cipriani, the basketball player, is the first Opus Dei cardinal. He made life difficult for famous liberation theologian Gustavo Gutierrez (who had visited the Philippines and spoken with the INQUIRER).

Allen says Gutierrez decided to become a Dominican to get out of Cipriani's control.

Converts

Three of the 117 are converts to Catholicism.

Papabile Cardinal Francis Arinze of Nigeria grew up a member of the Ibo tribe and became a Catholic at age nine.

Arinze, 74, is a black African but many cardinals consider him to be Roman, having worked in the Roman Curia for more than 20 years.

Also a convert is Japan's Cardinal Stephen Fumio, 76. His family was close to the Japanese royal court.

Allen writes that Fumio embodies the Federation of Asian Bishops Conferences' "spirit of humility, simplicity and openness to other religions." An outspoken progressive on social questions, he has spoken strongly against the US-led war in Iraq.

France's Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger, 79, has a Jewish background. His mother died in the Auschwitz concentration camp during the Nazi occupation of Poland.

Lustiger converted to Catholicism when he was 15. He is active in promoting Jewish-Christian understanding.

Arrested, sentenced

Sudan's first cardinal, Gabriel Zubeir Wako, 65, was arrested in 1998 for alleged failure to pay a bill for supplies meant for refugees. He was sentenced to prison and was later let go.

Regarded as a caring leader, Zubeir has little time for lofty theological and philosophical problems. He is in the frontlines in relating to Islam.

Celibacy

Bypassed four times before John Paul II finally gave him the red hat in 2001, Germany's Cardinal Kar Lehmann, 69, clashed with Vatican officials on several issues.

He has suggested that the shortage of priests might require a change in the celibacy rule. He has allowed divorced and civilly married Catholics to receive the sacraments, and has criticized restrictions on the lay ministry as reflecting "a climate of mistrust."

Lehmann worked under Jesuit Fr. Karl Rahner, one of the foremost liberal Catholic theologians of the 20th century and among the architects of the reforms associated with Vatican II.

Lehmann was supported by Cardinal Walter Kasper, 73, himself *papabile*. Their pastoral letter was rejected by John Paul II's chief theological adviser, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, (also *papabile)* with whom Kasper continued to joust when he became president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

But Allen describes Ratzinger as "a shy and gentle soul."

Scotland's Cardinal Keith Michael Patrick O'Brien, 67, is for eliminating mandatory clerical celibacy.

Said he: "The loss of celibacy would give great liberty to priests to exercise their God-given gift of love and sex rather than feeling they must be celibate all their lives. It would not cause me any great worry if it was to go."

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Friends send Ted off . . .

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Bank fallout could be the reason why he decided to take his own life, sources have said.

"He kept his pain to himself," said Reyes, who described Borlongan as "a decent, honest and prayerful person."

He said failure to find justice had driven him to end his own life.

'Dirty banking, dirty justice'

Reyes said he was with Borlongan as he went through the whole court process, filing motions before the Supreme Court, experiencing his disappointment when these were denied.

Just before his death, Borlongan had asked Chief Justice Hilario Davide to personally look into the Urban Bank cases, raising the possibility that there might have been some irregularities involved in the bank's closure.

"Dirty banking and dirty justice killed Ted. His death merely reflects an earlier death, [that of] the banking system," Reyes said.

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New moms' home away from home

By Jocelyn R. Uy

LYING-IN Center administrator Dr. Julio Javier Jr. (seen above checking on a patient) encourages his staff to be sensitive to their patient's feelings. He says handling cases with care is a key feature of the center, right. BETOY JOHNSON

SITUATED in the middle of a busy district, the Las Piñas Lying-in Center hardly looks distinctive. Passersby might not even give it a second glance.

But for women who had to endure labor pains, the two-story edifice is home away from home.

Delicia Ambe, in a colorful smock, lay on a bed, her movements weak and her voice raspy as she almost whispered, afraid to awaken the wrinkled baby boy beside her.

She was brought to the clinic by her husband at around 8 p.m., when she started feeling sharp labor cramps. The clinic was 10-15 minutes away from their house.

At 1:05 a.m., the 40-year-old's fifth child was born.

Though she was in pain, Ambe felt as comfortable as she would have been in her home, she told the INQUIRER in Filipino.

"It's different from all the other clinics I've gone to. It's clean. It's lovely here," she said.

Ambe was not only talking about the yellow and cherry-colored curtains at the windows, the air-conditioner or the television set that allowed them to watch their favorite noontime variety show.

Caring

"The staff is really caring. They really pay attention to my needs," she said.

Quality patient care is just one of the things that the 4-year-old center takes pride in, clinic administrator Dr. Julio Javier Jr. told the INQUIRER.

"We encourage our staff to be courteous and to smile often," he said, adding that this policy was essential to avoid upsetting patients who came mostly from Las Piñas City's depressed communities.

"The poor patients are very sensitive, so we handle them with care," Javier said.

The center, which Javier said was the first to be licensed by the Department of Health (DOH) as a birthing institution, opened in 2000 to meet the need for basic and more affordable birthing services in the city.

At present, childbirth services in private hospitals cost P20,000-P100,000.

The lying-in center provides the services for free, though patients occasionally spend some P500 for medicines not available in the clinic, Javier said.

The 300-square meter, 14-bed clinic, built through the DOH's Urban Health and Nutrition Program, stands at the mouth of Barangay CAA, BF International Village, where some 20,000 poor families live.

"This (clinic) was built here because majority of the [poor] lives in the area," Javier explained.

Not exclusive

But the birthing home's services, which include prenatal care, normal child delivery, gynecological and high-risk pregnancy consultations, tubal ligation, and dilation and curettage (D&C), are not exclusive to the poor.

"Services are available to all women residents of Las Piñas City," Javier said. But a woman could avail of the clinic's services for only two deliveries as the lying-in clinic supported the DOH's family planning program, he added.

To be admitted in the center, a pregnant woman had to be a "true" resident of the city and should undergo prenatal checkups, Javier stressed.

She must visit regularly the health center in her barangay so the clinic's staff would have a clear picture of her health when they enter the clinic.

Las Piñas has about 27 health centers. Barangay CAA alone has four health centers.

The health center issues each woman a pink card that records her visits and keeps track of her health. This would indicate to the clinic's doctors that the patient's condition had been thoroughly monitored.

"We can't just let them give birth here (without) prenatal checkups," Javier said. "They might have illnesses we are not aware of which might arise during the delivery." He gave high blood pressure as an example.

Though its accreditation as a birthing home prompted the discontinuance of free cesarian section (CS) procedures, Javier said they made assessment of whether or not a patient needed a CS procedure.

Women needing to give birth by cesarian section were referred to either the Las Piñas Doctors Hospital or the San Juan de Dios Hospital, Javier said.

Free medical service

Las Piñas residents were also entitled to free hospital and medical services courtesy of the local government at the two hospitals, he said.

The lying-in clinic was usually busier during the "Ber" months, Javier said.

The clinic's 12 midwives, five doctors (Javier said they were on call 24/7) and four nurses have their hands full with 130-160 patients a month.

During lean months, the first quarter of the year, the clinic averages 60-70 patients a month.

The clinic has three shifts a day with three midwives and a nurse on duty during each shift.

Unlike in some government facilities, Javier said patients at the clinic did not have to share beds, even during the peak season "because (of) fast turnover." Patients were usually allowed only a 24-hour stay.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays are busiest for the clinic, Javier said, when women on their 36th week of pregnancy are seen by doctors from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays are for free Obstetrics-Gynecology consultation and treatment, including D&C (a procedure involving the dilation of the cervix and the scraping of the uterus) while Saturdays and Sundays are exclusively for childbirth services.

Once every month, usually on a Wednesday, free cataract surgery is performed in the operating room.

Javier boasted that the clinic has "the cleanest operating room." In fact, he said cleanliness, aside from a friendly environment, was what set them apart from others.

Every day, the staff works to keep the clinic free of the typical smell of public hospitals, Javier said as he showed the INQUIRER around.

"We really give importance to cleanliness because we don't want to smell like medicine," he said, saying the odor could be depressing for patients.

Spotless tiles, multicolored figurines on a low table on the first floor and the absence of "medicine smell," apparently were meant to create the "homey" image the doctor wanted for the clinic.

Several staffers huddled at a table, chatting as they cleaned some tools, while brand-new fathers watched TV at the waiting area.

Upstairs, a couple of midwives attended to two new patients. Ambe and four other mothers busily nursed their newborn while watching a noontime variety show.

"We want them to feel that they are just at home, not in a hospital," Javier said. He added that, aside from not paying a single centavo for their stay in the clinic, the women also brought home free diapers and milk when they went home.

"That's our extra treat for them," Javier said.

Cops in rob, commander axed

THE CHIEF of the Philippine National Police has ordered the dismissal from the service of three policemen who were allegedly involved in a robbery in Pasig City on Friday.

At the same time, the three lawmen's commanding officer was relieved of his post for allegedly failing to properly supervise his men.

PNP chief Director General Arturo Lomibao immediately ordered the dismissal of POs2 Rodolfo Molina and Lazaro Hiyao and PO1 Melvin Claveria, all of Police Community Precinct (PCP) 19 in Barangay San Antonio.

"The three policemen are immediately dismissed (from service)," said PNP spokesperson Senior Supt. Leopoldo Bataoil.

Lomibao gave the order while on a visit to the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

For his part, Pasig City police director Senior Supt. Raul Medina removed Senior Insp. Earl Castillo as chief of PCP 19.

Medina said that although Castillo might not have directly participated in the robbery, he could still be held responsible for it under the principle of command responsibility.

"Obviously, there was negligence on his part as he failed to monitor the activities of his men," the Pasig police chief explained.

Furthermore, Medina said he would look into possible administrative liabilities of Castillo.

Senior Insp. Cipriano Galanida will be taking over PCP 19, Medina said.

The dismissal of the three lawmen and sacking of Castillo arose from a robbery at about 9:30 a.m. Friday, when Claveria allegedly robbed a courier of Tabitha Money Changer of P10,000.

Molina and Hiyao were later arrested reportedly because they were with Claveria in the latter's getaway car.

Meanwhile, Claveria, Molina and Hiyao will be subjected to paraffin testing to determine who among them engaged pursuing lawmen in a shootout before their arrest.

Tina G. Santos and Dona Z. Pazzibugan

METROBRIEFS

P2M for wealthy murder suspect

THE REWARD for the capture of Jose Maria S. Panlilio, son of late socialite jeweler Fe S. Panlilio, has been raised by the family of two murder victims to P2 million. Carmencita de Castro, mother of the two men allegedly murdered by Panlilio in July 2003, said another P1 million had been added by concerned citizens to the P1 million earlier put up by her family and the Department of Interior and Local Government. She appealed to authorities to finally arrest the alleged killer of her sons, who were shot to death in Laguna. *Tina G. Santos*

A new name for forest park?

THE GROUP administering the Arroceros Forest Park has something new to be agitated about. Manila City Councilor Ma. Trisha Bonoan-David wants to change the name of the park to "People's Forest Park," which she said would be more appealing to the public. But members of Winner Foundation, the group fighting for the preservation of the urban forest, said the present name was much better. "It's historical," said Regina Paterno, the foundation's president. *Tina G. Santos*

Wider Road 10 bridge to open

A WIDER Marala bridge along Road 10 in Manila is expected to be open to the public by the end of the month, an official of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) said. When the bridge opens, the former four-lane structure will be four lanes wider, said Engineer Carlos Badion of the DPWH's Urban Road Planning Office. He said the project cost P70 million. Badion said that the widening of Marala Bridge on the boundary of Manila and Navotas was a step toward the rehabilitation of the entire stretch of Road 10.

Post-grad course at St. Luke's

ST. LUKE'S Institute of Pathology will be presenting two postgraduate courses covering Clinical and Anatomical Pathology to be held at the hospital's Cathedral Heights Building Auditorium on April 18 and 19 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The holding of the courses is the highlight of the celebration of the Institute's 17th anniversary. The registration fee for the courses is P1,500 inclusive of materials, lunch and snacks. For particulars, call 725-6716, 727-5423 or 724-1562. Look for Nanette Idlesca.

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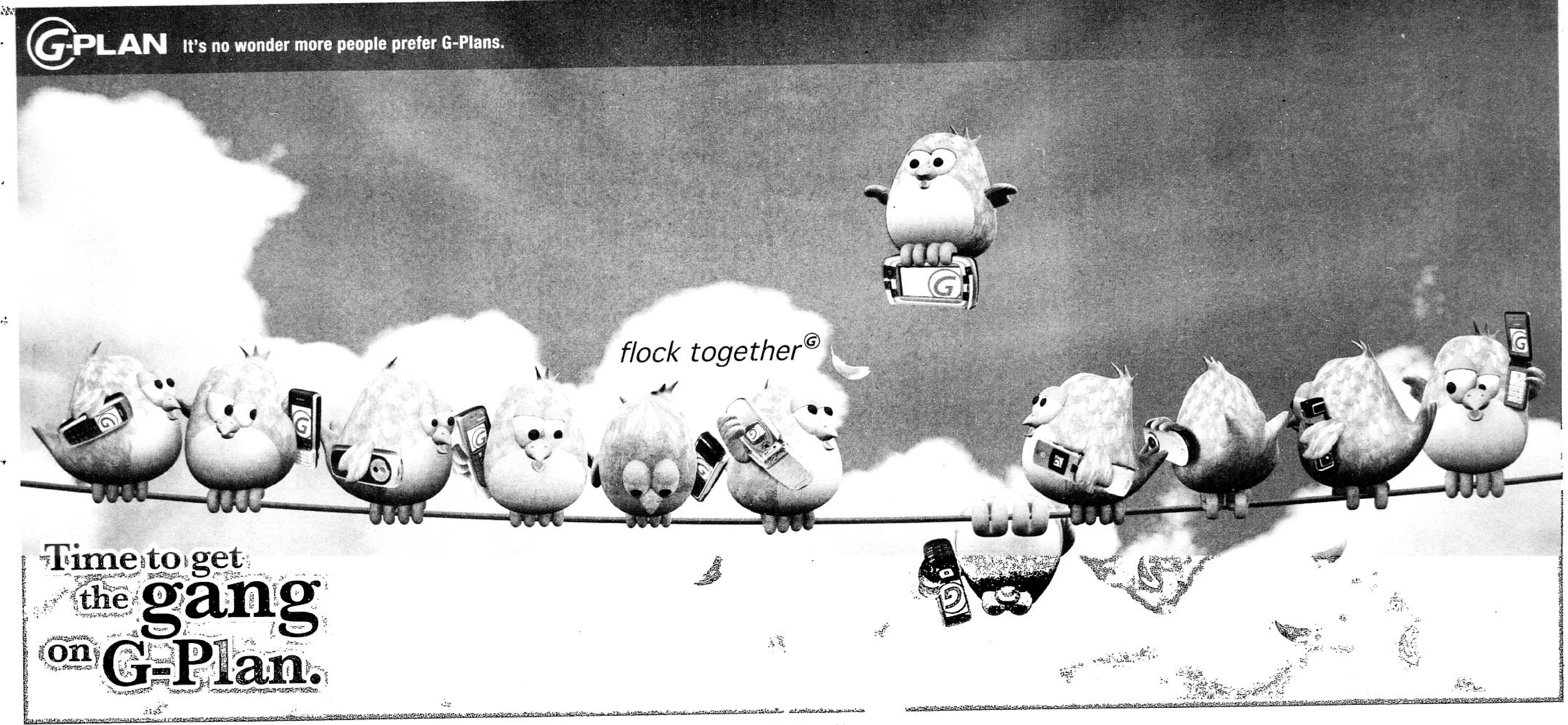
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NATIONAL OPEN

Long distance double for Manipol

By Marc Anthony Reyes

NATIONAL team mainstays Mercedita Manipol and Ernie Candelario easily ruled their respective events in an uneventful penultimate day of the Milo National Open track and field championships at the Rizal Stadium yesterday.

Manipol completed a long distance double, winning the 5,000-meter gold in 17 minutes 27.3 seconds after lapping all her rivals with two laps left.

The time paled in comparison to her own national mark of 16:40 she posted in 2002 when she bagged the bronze in the Busan Asian Games.

"I could have run faster but I don't have somebody to pace me," said the 24-year-old Manipol, who topped the 10,000 meters Thursday.

Candelario, the men's 400-meter champion in the last two Southeast Asian Games, again struck in his favorite event then complained of the poor accommodation at the athletes' quarters inside t he Rizal complex.

Bucking chest pains caused by weight training, Candelario clocked 48.17 seconds, way behind his best of 46.65 he set in the 2002 Asian Games.

Based in Baguio like the rest of the national tracksters, Candelario said he and 20 other athletes had to squeeze themselves in their temporary quarters at the Rizal complex which was good only for four persons.

Nixon Mas of the national team and Philippine Air Force-FEU claimed the men's shot put with a heave of 13.78 meters, besting University of Cordillera's Eleazer Sunang (13.57m) and Richard Agosto (12.43 m).

Christian Mendoza of Laguna-Patafa won the boys' 400 meters in 50.29 seconds while Sharon Jizmundo prevailed in the girls' side in 58.65.

Tan group of companies new SEA Games sponsor

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THE LUCIO Tan Group of Companies has joined the growing list of supporters for the Southeast Asian Games slated in Metro Manila and three other cities Nov. 27 to Dec. 5.

Philippine Olympic Committee president and Philippine SEAG Organizing Committee vice chair Peping Cojuangco announced the sponsorship commitment of Tan's companies, particularly in the supply of bottled water for the Games.

"The group has signified its support by supplying the different requirements that are necessary for the Games through the products that they market and distribute," said a statement from the Philsoc.

Philsoc said bottled water alone is a major necessity in the Games where an estimated 5,000 athletes are taking part, aside from the coaches, officials and volunteers.

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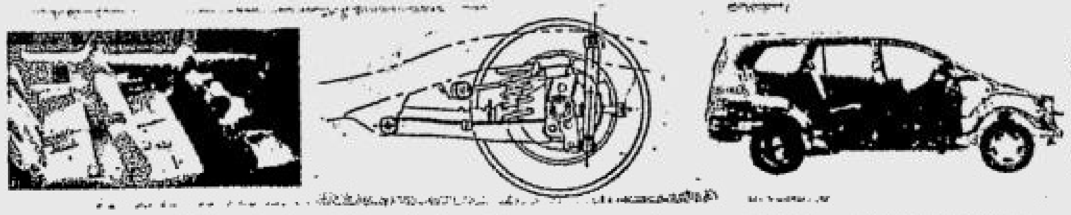
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Tough luck hounds 3 more Filipino jins

MADRID—Three more Filipino jins failed to advance in the medal round following heartbreaking losses against tested opponents Friday in the World Taekwondo Championship at the Palacio De Deportes here.

Former junior standout Alexander Briones, Carlos Padilla and fellow first-timer Eunice Alora came out short in their respective bids for the Philippine-Petron team in this event featuring bets from 120 countries.

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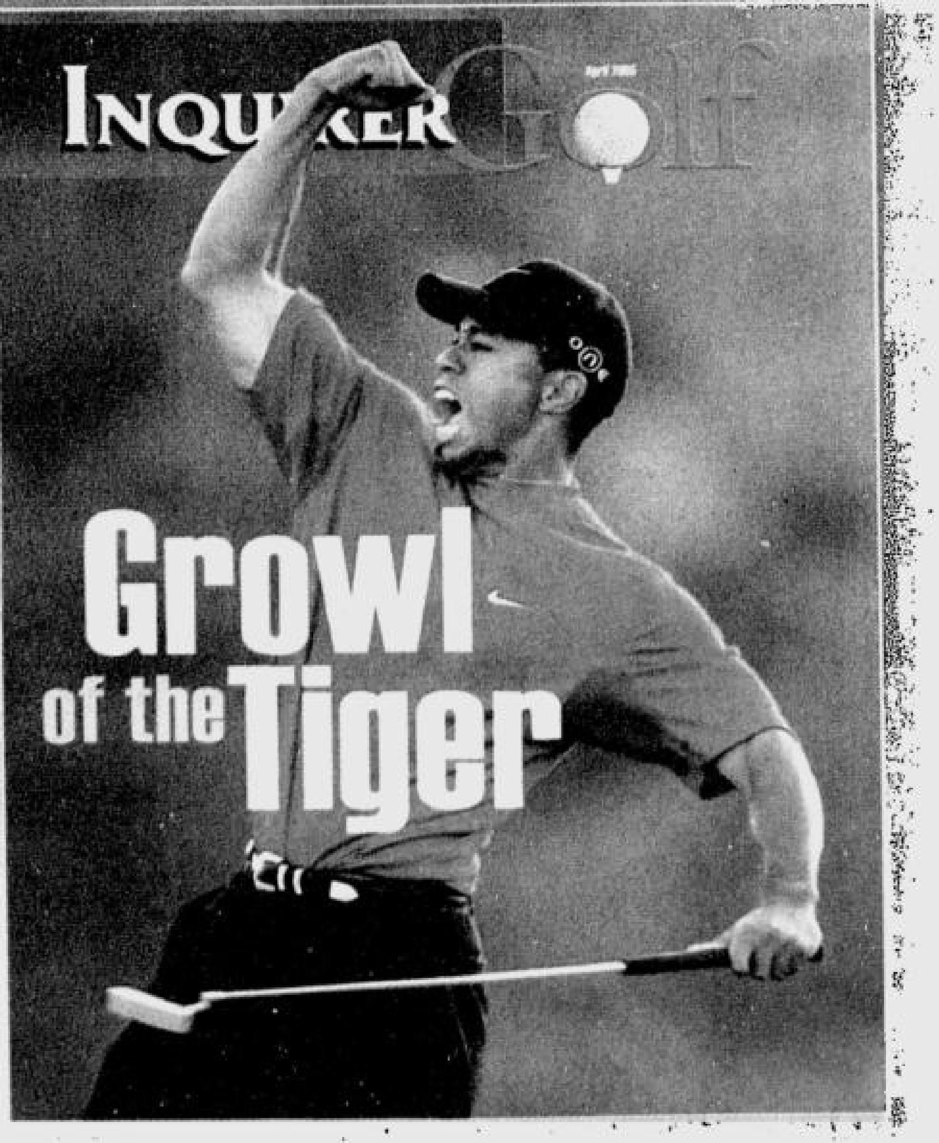

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Duremdes lifts SLR over Shell

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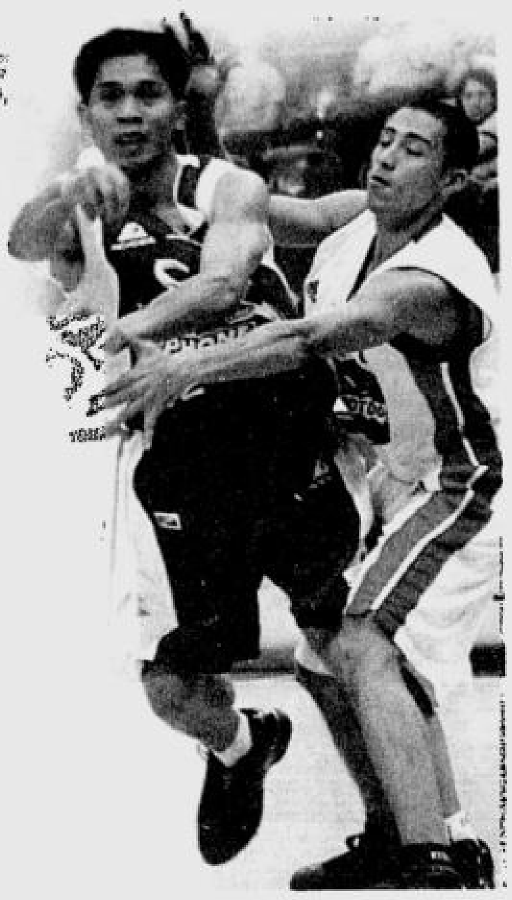
6:35 p.m.—Barangay Ginebra vs Talk 'N Text



FELIX Belano (left) of Talk n Text passes off Paul Artadi of Purefoods. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

KENNETH Duremdes fired 25 points and Ryan Fletcher added 18 as Sta. Lucia Realty rolled to a second straight win at the expense of Shell, 90-85, in the 2005 Gran Matador PBA Fiesta Conference last night at the Capiz Gymnasium in Roxas City.

Marlou Aquino was also in a splendid form, banging in 17 points to duplicate his heroic effort against Purefoods last week and help the Realtors notch their third victory in nine games.

Trailing most of the way, the Realtors leaned on Fletcher's outside shooting to grab the lead, 81-80, with only three minutes left.

Rich Alvarez and Roger Yap fought back for Shell, but assistant coach Bogs Adornado was assessed a technical for berating the referees and helped doom the Turbochargers.

The Turbochargers still had a chance to send the game into overtime after Dennis Espino sank the technical free throw, but Ronald Tubid missed two of his three charities when Bitoy Omolon fouled him beyond the arc with seven ticks left.

Wesley Wilson, who finished with 20 points, fouled out in the last two minutes.

Meanwhile, the Talk 'N Text Phone Pals face the Barangay Ginebra Kings today at the Araneta Coliseum seeking a second straight victory with old import Jerald Honeycutt.

Coach Joel Banal and the Phone Pals are coming off an energy-sapping victory over the Purefoods TJ Hotdogs Friday night with Honeycutt giving them a lift.

"It was a hard-earned win so I hope we could find the energy to battle Ginebra," said Banal after the Phone Pals climbed to 4-3.

The Kings (5-3) clash with the Phone Pals at 6:35 p.m. hoping to tie idle San Miguel Beer for the lead. Red Bull takes on Alaska at 4:15 p.m.

June Navarro

The scores:

STA. LUCIA 90—Duremdes 25, Fletcher 18, Aquino 17, Omolon 13 Espino 9, Demape 3, Tolomia 3, Mendoza 2.

SHELL 85—Wilson 20, Tubid 20, Mamaril 13, Alvarez 13, Ferreria 9, Yap 4, Dela Cruz 2, Calaguio 2, Jackson 0.

Quarters: 18-27, 41-41, 67-68, 90-85

Cojuangco to convene cage meeting Tuesday

BASKETBALL leaders will convene on Tuesday to discuss matters relative to the country's defense of its Southeast Asian Games cage crown.

Philippine Olympic Committee president Jose "Peping" Cojuangco directed Go Teng Kok, head of athletics and chess and concurrently Basketball Association of the Philippines project director, to gather officials of the BAP, PBA, PBL, collegiate leagues, commercial leagues and patrons and supporters at his residence at 2 p.m.

Go said basketball leaders must come to that session with clean hearts and hands, adding that the current crisis in basketball must not be used to advance personal interest.

The deportation order issued recently against BAP secretary general Graham Lim, coupled with the suspect form of RP-Cebuana Lhuillier, have prompted calls from some quarters to reorganize the BAP.

Lim, executive vice president Christian Tan and Boy Codinera, vice president for Mindanao, are expected to represent the BAP in the meeting.

Junior World qualifier slated

LOCAL jungolfers launch their quest for slots to the the annual Junior World championships in San Diego, California with the first stage of a two-week qualifier starting tomorrow at the Canlubang and Riviera executive courses.

To be disputed are the slots in six different age-group divisions for boys and girls made available to the Junior Golf Foundation of the Philippines by Junior World organizers.

Playing at Canlubang are those in Class A (15-17 years), Class B (13-14 years), Class C (11-12) and Class D (9-10) while those in Class E (7-8) and Class F (6 and under) will be at the Riviera executive course.

The Foundation, meanwhile, announced that those who have not paid their annual membership dues will not be allowed to compete in the Junior World qualifying and the remaining legs of the Samsung Jungolf Tour.

Raoul Lachica, president of Jungolf, said they are requiring all parents to renew their memberships before their kids tee off in both venues.

Reigning Junior World 7-8 years champion JR Gonzales heads a field of more than 200 kids vying for honors in the 108-hole qualifier spread out in two different weeks.

From Canlubang, those in Classes A to D tackle the Sherwood Hills for the final stop while the younger ones will go back to Riviera.

Gonzales is already seeded to compete in San Diego by virtue of his victory along with four others but will be playing just the same. Dottie Ardina, Justin Dy, Janella Buen and Abby Arevalo are also seeded for the tourney set this coming July.

Heading the Class A cast is Tonton Asistio while Wolen Superal is the solid favorite in boys Class C.

Prince tourney begins

THE "FIRST Prince Badminton Challenge" opens today at Sta. Rosa Countersmash at Daystar Industrial Park Pulong Sta. Cruz, City of Sta. Rosa.

Supported by Prince, Toby's, Pearl of the Pacific, Power Bar, RX 93.1, Crossover 105.1 and Gardenia, the tournament is aimed to challenge local enthusiasts engaged in the hottest sport in the country today.

The competition will be held until June 4 at various badminton houses in Metro Manila and nearby provinces. Levelling will be held prior to the competition. For details, call 6716660.

Velasco-Cruz ahead

LIPA City—Ricky Velasco and partner Errol Cruz pooled 80 points on Friday for a four-stroke lead heading into the final 18 holes of the Liberica Invitational, the Mount Malarayat's annual member-guest tournament.

Velasco and Cruz solved the fast greens and tricky placements at Malarayat's Mount Makulot and Mount Lobo nines to lead two teams which posted 76s in Division I of the tournament backed by Citimotors and Turf Company.

Najie Gapangada and Dennis Panganiban and Don Montenegro and Antonio Mendoza shared second.

Alex Palines, a physician from Batangas City, and guest Lito Flores assembled an 84 for a three-shot lead over Hector Brinas and Bob Tuico in the Division II race The final round is set today. The event is supported by San Miguel Corp., United Auctioneers, Asia International Auctioneer, Master Sports and Batangas Gov. Armand Sanchez.

"The turnout was overwhelming," said Malarayat chair Arch. Antonio Turalba Sr. "This is the biggest Liberica event we had."

PIATA Cup tomorrow

A CHEVROLET Aveo and a bonanza of airline tickets make up the long list of prizes up for grabs in the second PIATA (Philippine IATA Travel Agents Association) Golf Cup blasting off tomorrow at the Sta Elena Golf Club in Cabuyao, Laguna.

About 180 players, sponsors and guests are expected to tee-off.

Transnational Diversified Group is co-presenting the tourney sponsored by Crystal Cruise Lines, Amadeus Marketing Phil Inc, PAL, Lufthansa German Airlines, Northwest Airlines, Qatar Airways, Air France/KLM, British Airways, Thai International, Asiana, a Galileo Asia, DHL Worldwide Express Phil.Corp and Smart Communications. The Aveo is sponsored by Chevrolet Makati and Alabang and Pioneer Insurance.

Sailboat race marks Barangay Malabrigo fiesta

A SAILBOAT race was held recently as a component of the Malabrigo Lago' Laro' 2005, an annual sportsfest held by Barangay Malabrigo in Lobo, Batangas.

Staged Friday afternoon, the event preceded Malabrigo Kiddie Boat Regatta and the Malabrigo Girls Swimming Competition staged in the morning.

Barangay captain Manuel Petallo said Olympian Gillian Akiko Thomson and her coach Pinky Brosas have been conducting swimming lessons in the barangay.

Harbour Centre thwarts Nenaco

By Jasmine W. Payo

MAGNUM Membrere and LA Tenorio took control down the stretch as Harbour Centre stormed past winless Nenaco-San Beda, 79-63, in the PBL Unity Cup yesterday at the FEU Gym.

From a slim 58-57 lead, the Portmasters unloaded 12 unanswered points that included triples from Membrere and Tenorio to take a decisive 71-57 advantage less than three minutes remaining in the fourth period.

Mac Cardona was his old unstoppable self, scoring a game-high 28 points to lead the Portmasters to their third straight victory.

Membrere shot 9 of his 12 points in the fourth quarter, while Tenorio also shot 6 of his 11 points in the final canto.

"Of all the games we had, this one made me happy," said coach Tonichi Yturri. "We had composure and didn't make mistakes in the end game."

Defending champion Magnolia Ice Cream also staged a fourth-quarter rally to down Granny Goose, 62-54.

Dennis Miranda scored 15 points, while Neil Rañeses chipped in 13. Arwind Santos contributed seven points, 17 rebounds and four blocks.

Magnolia improved its slate to 2-2, while Granny Goose dropped to 1-3.

The Lions rallied behind new recruit Noy Javier, who shot back-to-back triples to knot the contest at 51-51. It was touch and go until the Portmasters, who missed the suspended Jerwin Gaco, broke away in the final five minutes.

Meanwhile, Philippine Olympic Committee president Peping Cojuangco and media chief Joey Romasanta met with PBL commissioner Chino Trinidad last Friday to discuss the possibility of including the league's top players in the national team.

The scores:

First game

HARBOUR CENTRE 79—Cardona 28, Membrere 12, Tenorio 11, Espinas 8, Mesina 8, Bugia 5, Mendoza 4, Gatumbato 2, Sanz 1, Dizon 0, Buenafe 0, Castro 0.

NENACO-SAN BEDA 63—Javier 21, Angeles 16, Aljamal 9, Hudencial 5, Cruz 4, Fasano 2, Timonera 2, Paterno 2, Baldivia 2, Razon 0, Arbole 0, Antonio 0.

Quarters: 14-13, 30-30, 50-43, 79-63.

Second game

MAGNOLIA 62—Miranda 15, Rañeses 13, Catli 9, Santos 7, Rizada 6, Williams 6, Chan 5, Misolas 1, Jones 0, Isip 0.

GRANNY GOOSE 54—Alfad 6, Lanete 5, Almeda 5, Ibañes 4, Latonio 4, Grijaldo 4, David 4, Guerrero 3, Ferrer 2, Cruz 2, Concha 1.

Quarters: 13-15, 30-29, 45-43, 62-54.

This time, Tiger needed gravity

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

THEY said it lasted two seconds. Some wires placed it at three. My count was four.

It's immaterial now whether it was two, three or four.

What was material was, the ball dropped and that keyed, more than highlighted, the dramatic Monday victory of Tiger Woods in the Masters, admittedly the world's most prestigious golf tournament since the legendary Bobby Jones created it in 1934.

It was a shot so typical of Tiger Woods.

Chipping from 40 yards on the par-3 16th, the downhill path going left to right, Tiger Woods leaned on gravity to sink the most impossible Sunday birdie of the Masters week.

Tiger Woods had done numerous escape acts and trick shots all these years, but for him to employ gravity as his ally—gosh, even gravity—discoverer Newton might not have believed it happening. At the Masters yet, where the truest test of golf skills is always at its zenith.

But then, how many times have we seen Tiger Woods do both the impossible and the improbable, prompting some to say he must have made a pact with the devil?

Had the 16th hole not swallowed the ball that seemed bent on sitting on the lip of the cup for one reason or another, Tiger Woods would have lost to Chris DiMarco. By one shot.

The gravity-aided birdie gave Tiger Woods a two-shot cushion, just enough to survive the impact of an untypical bogey-bogey finish by the world number one that put him into a sudden-death playoff with DiMarco.

In the playoff on 18, which he had bogeyed earlier after visiting the trap, Tiger Woods strung together three of the loveliest shots in golf, including the winning 18-foot birdie putt that struck the heart of the hole.

That was the ninth birdie in 19 holes in 10-1/2 hours of play for Tiger Woods and his 24th birdie in the tournament, including a magnificent total of 16 birdies on a 30-hole stretch.

And this was the Masters, the most coveted of the four majors, whose expanded yardage of 7,290 now makes it 25 percent harder than the one played by Jack Nicklaus in winning his six Masters titles.

Ah, Jack Nicklaus. Isn't he considered the greatest golfer of all time?

But wait a minute. Did he not need 23 years to accumulate his six Masters titles from 1963 to 1986, the last one coming 19 years ago when he was 46 years old already?

Here's Tiger Woods, only 29, and already the owner of four Masters crowns since he first scored his breakthrough win as the youngest Masters winner at 21 in 1997. By a record 12 shots yet.

In nine seasons, Tiger Woods has four Masters titles, tying Arnie Palmer's haul of four.

Tell me, who can stop Tiger Woods from surpassing Jack Nicklaus' six Masters crowns?

Only Tiger Woods. That is, if Tiger Woods suddenly retires.

Tell me, too, who can stop Tiger Woods from surpassing Jack Nicklaus' all-time record of 18 majors?

Only Tiger Woods, too. That is, if Tiger Woods also suddenly retires.

Incredibly, in his first 11 majors, Tiger Woods has won seven.

Startlingly, however, after winning his eighth major in 2002 (US Open), Tiger Woods has stopped winning. Even contending.

And that's simply because over the last 2-1/2 years, he went to two coaches to overhaul his swing.

He fired the first—the famous Butch Harmon that drew harsh criticism from Harmon's fans—after a year and got Hank Haney. With Hank Haney, Tiger Woods is back as the Masters champion.

At first, the twice-overhauled swing had become suspect. That 74 in Round 1 of the Masters for Tiger Woods was the culprit, putting him seven shots behind leader DiMarco.

By any stretch of imagination, that was a huge deficit.

Then he fired a 66 but still, he was six shots off DiMarco, who answered with another 67.

But that 66 seemed to signal the Second Coming of Tiger Woods. A 65 in Round 3 confirmed that.

And with DiMarco somersaulting back to Earth with a 74 the next day, that more than opened the door for Tiger Woods, who began the final day carrying a three-shot edge.

Still, on any given day, DiMarco's last-round 68 against Woods' 71 would have won it in the rain-marred 69th edition of the Masters.

But no. And DiMarco himself had the answer to his misfortune:

"A 68 on the last day and a minus-12 total for the tournament would have been enough for me to win it. Unfortunately, I was just playing against Tiger Woods."

And fortunately for Tiger Woods, when mortal thoughts began to swim in his mind, gravity butted in and snatched him from what would have been a shameful collapse.

Even Newton must have turned in his grave.

Gleefully, that is.

Puno, Jiao win

JIAO

WILD Wing Sundance, an entry of Rep. Ronnie Puno and noted breeder Boy Jiao topped the National Cockers Association (NCA) 7—Cock Derby Thursday night at the Araneta Coliseum.

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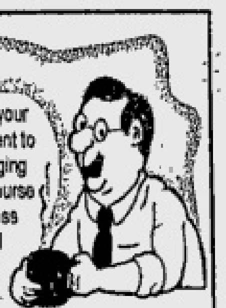

A sexual act is an excellent form of exercise. Using almost all of your muscles, it burns up to 300 calories an hour which is almost equivalent to 15 minutes of walking in the treadmill. Studies also show that engaging in a loving, intimate relationship through rewarding and regular intercourse improves the well-being of a person. It makes one feel younger, less irritable and happy because of the endorphins and oxytocin released during the blissful activity of making love. These naturally occurring chemicals serve as natural opiates that act as pain and anxiety killers.

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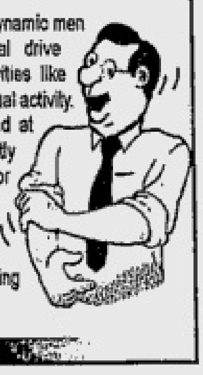

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Carter fuels Nets' playoff drive

Scores 39 vs former team, fans

TORONTO—Vince Carter was loudly booed in his first game back in Toronto and made no new friends scoring 39 points as the New Jersey Nets kept their playoff hopes alive with a 101-90 win over the Raptors on Friday.

Once the city's favorite sports celebrity, Carter became public enemy number one among Toronto sports fans after he demanded a trade earlier in the season and then admitted he never gave 100 percent while playing in the NBA's northern outpost.

Carter was booed during team introductions by a capacity crowd at the Air Canada Centre and jeered every time he touched the ball.

If the unwanted attention bothered Carter, it did not show in his performance as he also had nine rebounds and four assists to help keep the Nets in the chase for an Eastern Conference playoff berth with three games to play.

"It was fun to come back and play here," said Carter, who spent six seasons in a Raptors uniform. "I'm fine, we won."

"When they go home tonight they have something to think about," he added, referring to the fans.

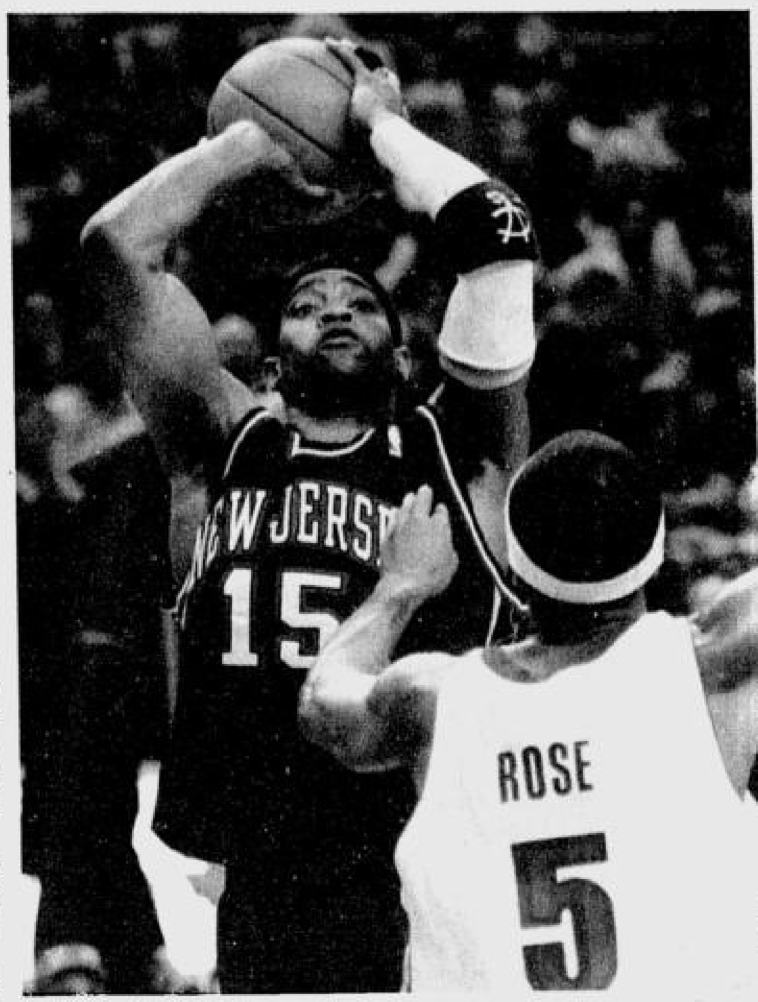
In Denver, Carmelo Anthony scored 22 points as the Nuggets rolled for an 111-102 win over the Memphis Grizzlies, who once again failed to secure a playoff spot.

In Salt Lake City, NBA MVP Kevin Garnett had 22 points as the Timberwolves kept their slim playoff hopes alive with a 100-84 win over the Jazz.

In Boston, Paul Pierce hit an 20-foot jump shot with nine seconds to play then made a clutch free throw as the Celtics edged the fading Miami Heat, 101-99.

In Phoenix, Amare Stoudemire poured in 24 points and added 17 rebounds in leading the Suns to a 98-91 decision over the Los Angeles Clippers, improving their NBA-best record to 60-19. *Reuters*

COMPLETE RESULTS: New Jersey 101, Toronto 90; Boston 101, Miami 99; Washington 119, Cleveland 111; Detroit 99, Milwaukee 73; Philadelphia 90, Indiana 86; Chicago 117, Orlando 77; Denver 111, Memphis 102; Minnesota 100, Utah 84; Phoenix 98, LA Clippers 91; Seattle 97, New Orleans 72; Sacramento 115, LA Lakers 106; Golden State 108, Portland 88


NEW JERSEY'S Vince Carter (left) shoots over Toronto's Jalen Rose.

Asia wrests Dynasty lead

SHENZHEN, China—Asia produced a virtuoso performance to turn the tide on Japan in the Visa Dynasty Cup on Saturday, dominating the Fourball matches for an overall 6.5 to 5.5 lead at Mission Hills Golf Club.

Leading by one point after the opening day's foursomes, Isao Aoki's Japan side got off to a flying start when Tomohiro Kondo and Takuya Taniguchi, who fired a sparkling seven birdies in 13 holes, thumped Boonchu Ruangkit and Prayad Marksaeng, 6 and 5.

Asian No. 1 Thongchai Jaidee and Mardan Mamat combined superbly to win the second match against Toru Suzuki and Tetsuji Hiratsuka, 3 and 1, after recovering from two down through 11 holes.

Home heroes Zhang Lian-wei and Liang Wen-chong maintained their 100 percent record in Asia's version of the Ryder Cup, notching their fourth victory as a pair with a 2 and 1 success over veterans Hideki Kase and Ryoken Kawagishi.

With the momentum well in Asia's favor, the title holders surged further ahead with debutant Amandeep Johl producing an inspirational performance with eight birdies as his teammate Thammanoon Srirot watched in awe as the duo trounced Katsumasa Miyamoto and Hiroyuki Fujita, 3 and 2.

Japan's stalwarts Shigeki Maruyama, ranked 24th in the world, and Shingo Katayama halted the Asian roll, with Maruyama and partner Keiichiro Fukabori earning a half with Angelo Que of the Philippines and Mo Joong-kyung of South Korea.

The Asian team rookies fought neck-and-neck with their superstar rivals and Que agonizingly missed a 15-foot birdie on the last hole for what could have been a glorious win.

Katayama ensured that the outcome of the Visa Dynasty Cup tomorrow remains on a sword's edge by drilling a pressure-cooker 25-foot birdie putt at the 18th hole as he and partner Takashi Kamiyama earned a well-deserved half point for Japan against Jyoti Randhawa and Thaworn Wiratchant.

"We did well today to win four out of six points but Shingo made a great putt to earn a crucial draw for Japan.

"We could have been two points up but we certainly have shown that Asian players are of world standard. We hope to keep the trophy in Asia and tomorrow's singles will be interesting," said Hsieh Min-nan. *AFP*

Marikina hosts SEAG football

MARIKINA City has agreed to play host to the women's football competition of the 23rd Southeast Asian Games, which the country is hosting on Nov. 27 to Dec. 5.

Mayor Marides C. Fernando last Tuesday signed the memorandum of agreement with Philippine Olympic Committee president Jose Cojuangco, Philippine SEA Games Organizing Committee chair Roberto Pagdanganan and Philippine Football Federation head Johnny Romualdez.

The games will be held at the Marikina Sports Center while men's football will be held in Bacolod City.

Royal Blue rules PDI tourney

JUNE Navarro led a strong finish as Royal Blue came from behind to trip White, 73-67, and bag the 2005 INQUIRER basketball tournament yesterday at the Olympia gym in Makati City.

Navarro had nine points in the tightly-fought final period, while Erik Arazas added eight in the same quarter as Royal Blue overcame a six-point deficit in the last two-and-a-half minutes to bag the title.

Ryan Lim and Eugene Araneta also helped the comeback with key stops in the stretch.

Navarro, who finished with a game-high 32 points, was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament. Jim Guiao Punzalan added 15 for the McDonald's-backed Royal Blue, while Arazas added 12.

INQUIRER president Sandy Prieto-Romualdez watched the whole game at court side and awarded the trophies to the winners, together with Sales and Marketing senior vice president Rene Reinoso and HR and Administration manager Rolando Suarez.

In the first game, Gilbert Rago and Karl Sumbeling scored 16 points each as Red overcame a 15-point deficit to defeat ousted champion Gray, 77-76, to bag third place.

OLYMPIANS: Athens Olympians inducted during the Philippine Olympians Association General Assembly & recognition ceremony include shooter Jethro Dionisio, swimmer Rafael Chua, boxer Harry Tañamor, boxer Violeto Payla, and archer Jasmin Figueroa. The induction was led by POC President Jose Cojuangco Jr. & Phil. Olympians Association president Art Macapagal.

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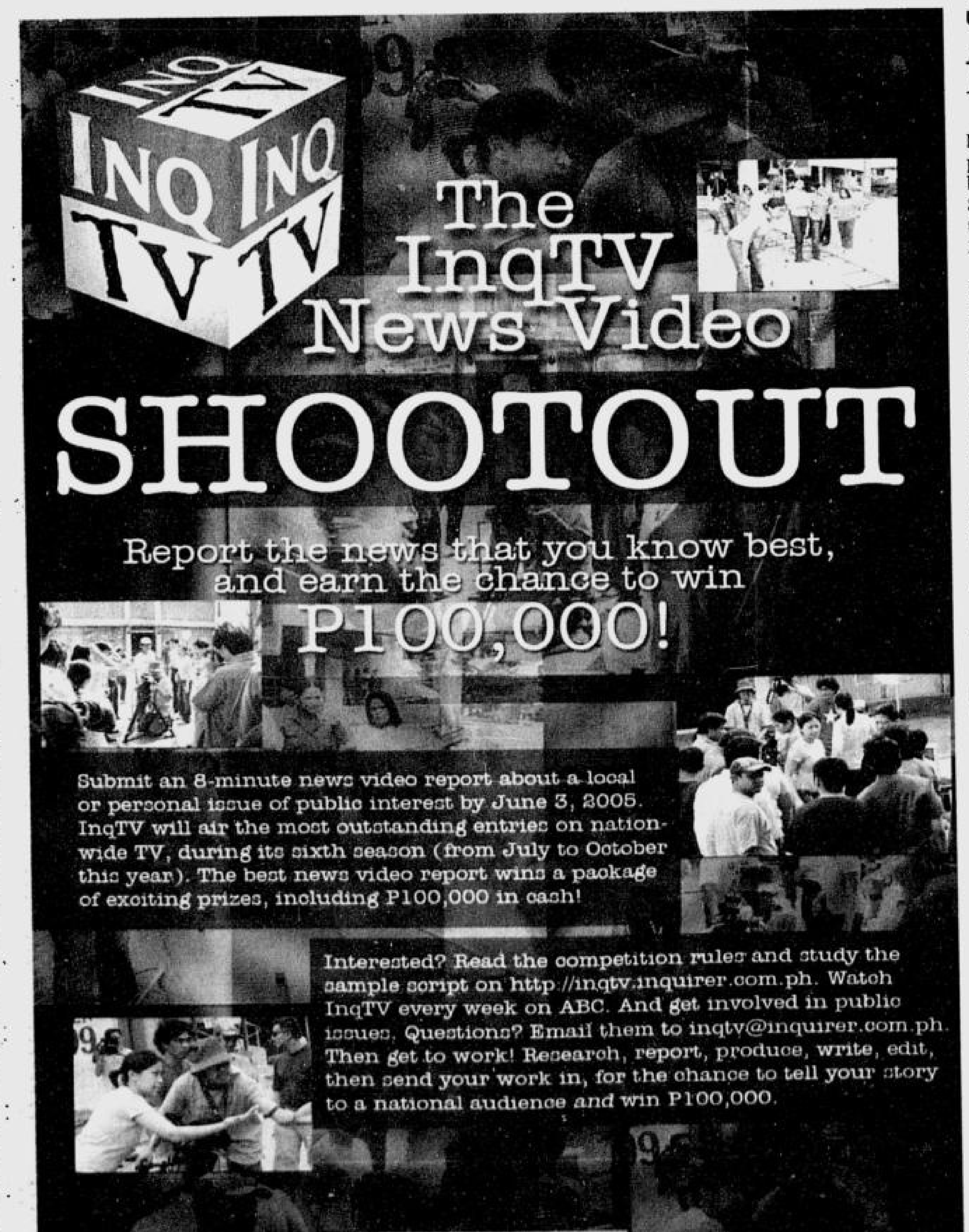
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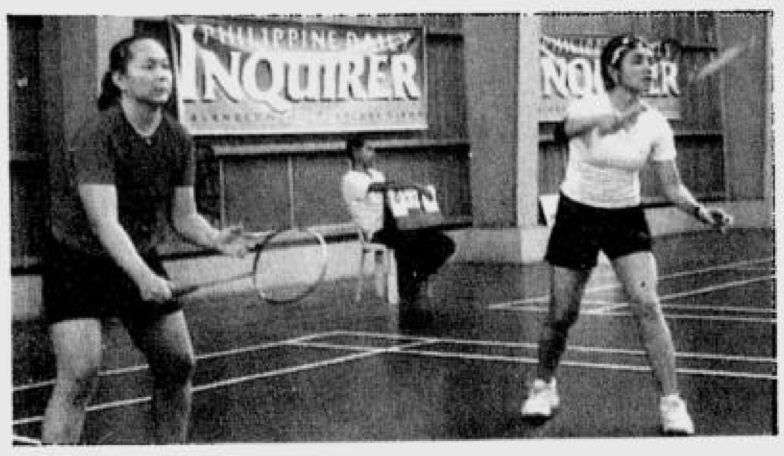

SHOWING off great form, Debbie Madrid (left) and Joy Balcita fight their way through a sweep of the elimination round en route to bagging a slot in the Ladies Class B division semifinals.

Saberon, Francisco lead Epson tilt semifinalists

JAKE Saberon and Riki Francisco encountered stiff resistance before advancing to the semifinals of the Epson Cup 2 badminton championship last night at the Greenhills Badminton Center.

Saberon and Francisco, who topped the Class B men's doubles category, tripped the eighth-ranked tandem of Deejay Potenciano and Nitri Espiritu, 15-9, 7-15, 15-5.

Carlo Bagalso and Herbie Cano stunned second seeds Gilbert Caran and Chester Vergara, 15-9, 15-11, to arrange a semifinal duel with Saberon and Francisco.

Bryan Bermudez and Jordan Farinas also made the semifinals opposite Jhun Adarna and Orly Amil in Class B after beating Master Yabut and Bert Zamora, 11-15, 15-9, 15-7. Adarna and Amil beat Paul and Gilbert Martinez, 15-6, 15-11.

Joy Balcita and Debbie Madrid also entered the semifinals after sweeping the ladies Class B division elimination round.

In mixed doubles Class B, Ui Mendoza and JV Madrid whipped Kathy Kuan and Gerry Escara, 15-6, 15-9, while underdogs Fay Santos and Olan Ordonez shocked Glenda Laserna and Adrei Rivera, 15-9, 15-10.

Beth Pulido and Paul Macatangay also made it to the semifinals, defeating Kristine Cinco and Dion Guanio, 15-1, 15-12, in the tournament sponsored by Shell, Apple Center, Citibank, Mizuno and Fitness First.

"As the final round heats up, competition is expected to intensify as well," said Epson marketing chief Randy Kanapi. The event is also backed by Konica, BHM, Yehey.com, PBNet, Chowking Madison Square and Ridgewood Hotel-Baguio.

SPORTSWATCH

Global City run set April 24

THE BONIFACIO Global City Summer Run slated Sunday, April 24, in Taguig City, gets a big boost with adidas as its major sponsor. Over 500 runners have entered so far with the registration deadline set for April 20. Registration fee is P150. Registration center is at the ground floor of the Vasquez Madrigal Plaza at 51 Annapolis Street in Greenhills, San Juan. Prizes at stake are trophies plus cash awards to the first three overall finishers male and female of the 10K run. Assembly and start area is located at the 2nd street in Bonifacio Global City right across the Bonifacio Technology Center. For inquiries call 7516115.

Boysen Cup opens today

FOUR teams, led by the Philippine Chinese Friendship Basketball League (PCFBL) team star in the Boysen Paints Cup of the PCFBL-Aces Basketball Tournament today at the Tanduay Gym in Quiapo, Manila. PCFBL faces Ironcon Builders and Development Corp. right after the opening ceremonies scheduled at 10 a.m. while the game between Monolith Construction and Development Corp. versus Pacific Paints Boysen Philippines Inc. follows immediately. The third game between Welcoat Paint Masters and Yatai International Corp. is scheduled at 1:30 p.m. Other teams entered in the two-month long tournament are Alpha 7 Trades Inc., Charter Chemical and Coating Corp., and RBT Dynamics/Techwerk System Corp.

Sports show airs Bauya-Galicia bout

SAMSUNG'S Fistorama today features RP Bantamweight champion Joel Bauya defending his title against Roger Galicia in 12 rounds. The fight was held recently at the New Gallerra de Mandaue in Mandaue City, Cebu in a boxing promotion of Rex "Wakee" Salud. Samsung's Fistorama airs every Saturday and Sunday in North America, Europe, Middle East, Australia, Japan, Hong Kong, and other parts of the world through The Filipino Channel/Pinoy Central TV. Samsung's Fistorama supported by Samsung, Tanduay, PCSO and Mapecon is aired at 4 p.m., Sundays on RPN-9. Golf Power Plus will feature the elimination round of the Cantada Sports Collegiate Women's Beach Volleyball Challenger at 3 p.m.

ROAD RUNNER
CALTEX-Havoline driver Oscar Aguilar shows off his two runner-up trophies recently in the kickoff of the 2004 National Touring Car championship at the Batangas Racing Circuit. Aguilar is also sponsored by Rota Wheels, Brembo Brakes, Gaspeed, Hyperparts, Effex Eyewear, Atoy Body Kits, DZ Racing Performance and Clifford Custom Shop.

Runnex officers inducted

THE NEW set of officers and directors of the Executive Runners Club, Phils. Inc. (RUNNEX) for 2005 were inducted last Feb. 13 at the Innotech on Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City. Inducted were Fidel M. Ringor, president; Ferdinand Tabora, vice president; Amable Bengco, secretary; Miriam Cruz, asst. secretary; Lourdes Bercades, treasurer; Emma Sembrano, asst. treasurer and Cesar Cruz, auditor. Board of Directors are Fidel Ringor, Cesar Cruz, Florencio Domingo, Jr., Amable Bengco, Ferdinand Tabora, Meriam Cruz, Margarito Dionisio, Virgilio Marcelo, Sabiniano Lopez, Lourdes Bercades, Ruben Trinidad, Angelito Duran, and Edmund Piquero. Inducting officer was Dr. Aparicio Mequi.

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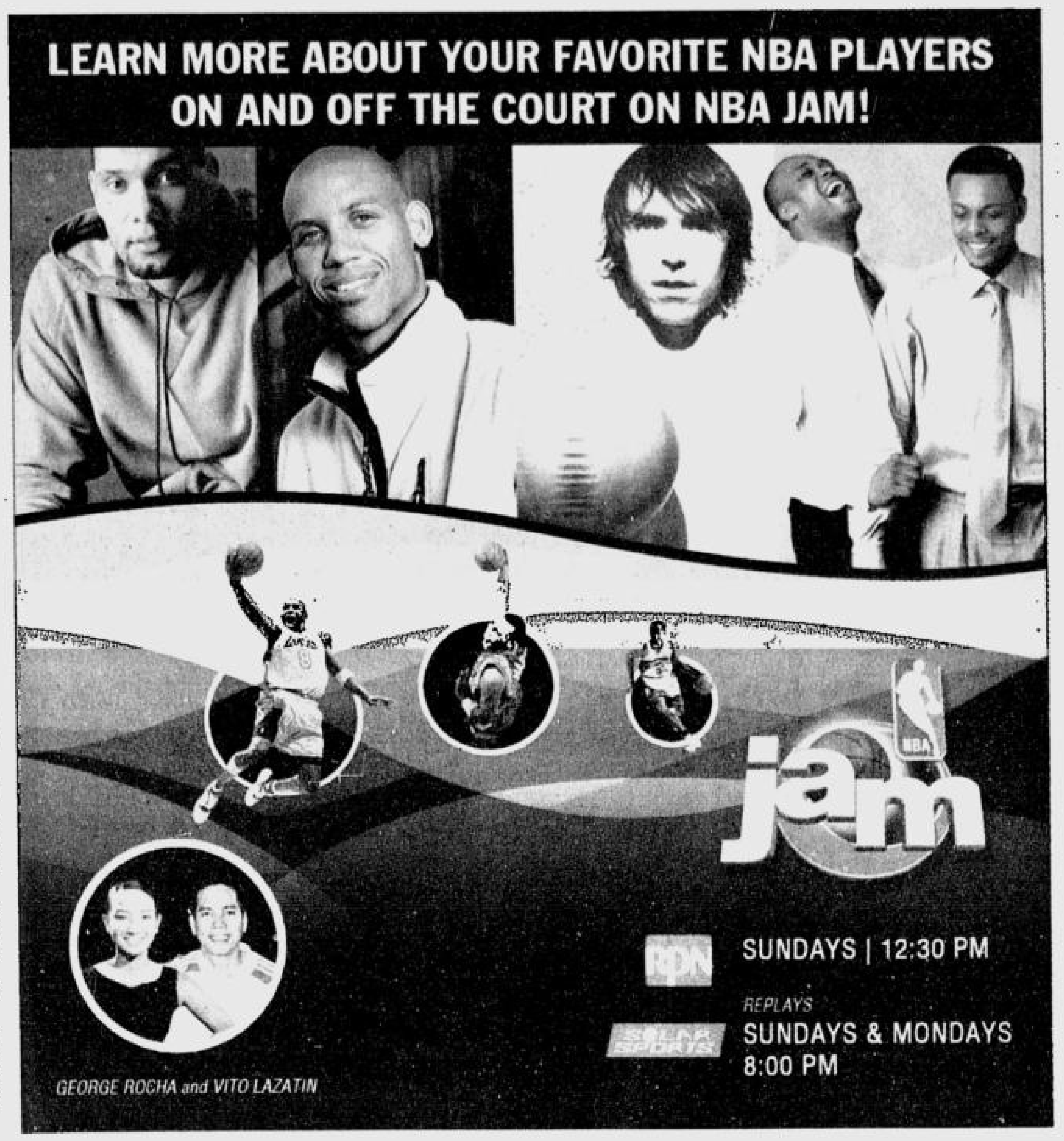
DETERMINED: The Ateneo Lady Eagles eye a more fruitful 2005-2006 in the University Athletic Association of the Philippines crown. The team includes coach John Flores, assistant Joey Mendoza, Aileen Grajales, Katrina Quimpo, Karizza Javier, Assistant Coach Haydee Ong, Ana Rapes, Carolyn Tan-chi, Kristine Chua, Kring Leyco, Cheryll Ngo, Stephanie Villanueva, Krissy Tiu, co-captain Danica Caynap, Cassandra Tioseco, AJ Barracoso, Ateneo Athletic Director Jose Capistrano Jr. and Sports Psychologist Marissa Adviento.

Bakbakan champs lead big derby

ALL eyes will be on the four reigning Bakbakan champions when the first-ever Para sa Bayan National 7-Bullstag Derby gets underway at the Araneta Coliseum on April 18, 19 & 21. Edwin Ramos of Bay, Laguna and Gernaldo "Boy" Go of Iloilo together with Mayor Jess Nalupta of Ilocos Norte and Joey Lapid of Laguna equally scored 8 perfect points last year. The event is hosted by the National Federation of Gamefowl Breeders as support to the Philippine Sports Commission's bid to raise funds for the 23rd Southeast Asian Games set here in Manila on November this year. Thunderbird Power Feeds—makers of Thunderbird Multi-Grain Concentrate & Conditioner and Thunderbird Baby Stag Booster—leads the pool of sponsors.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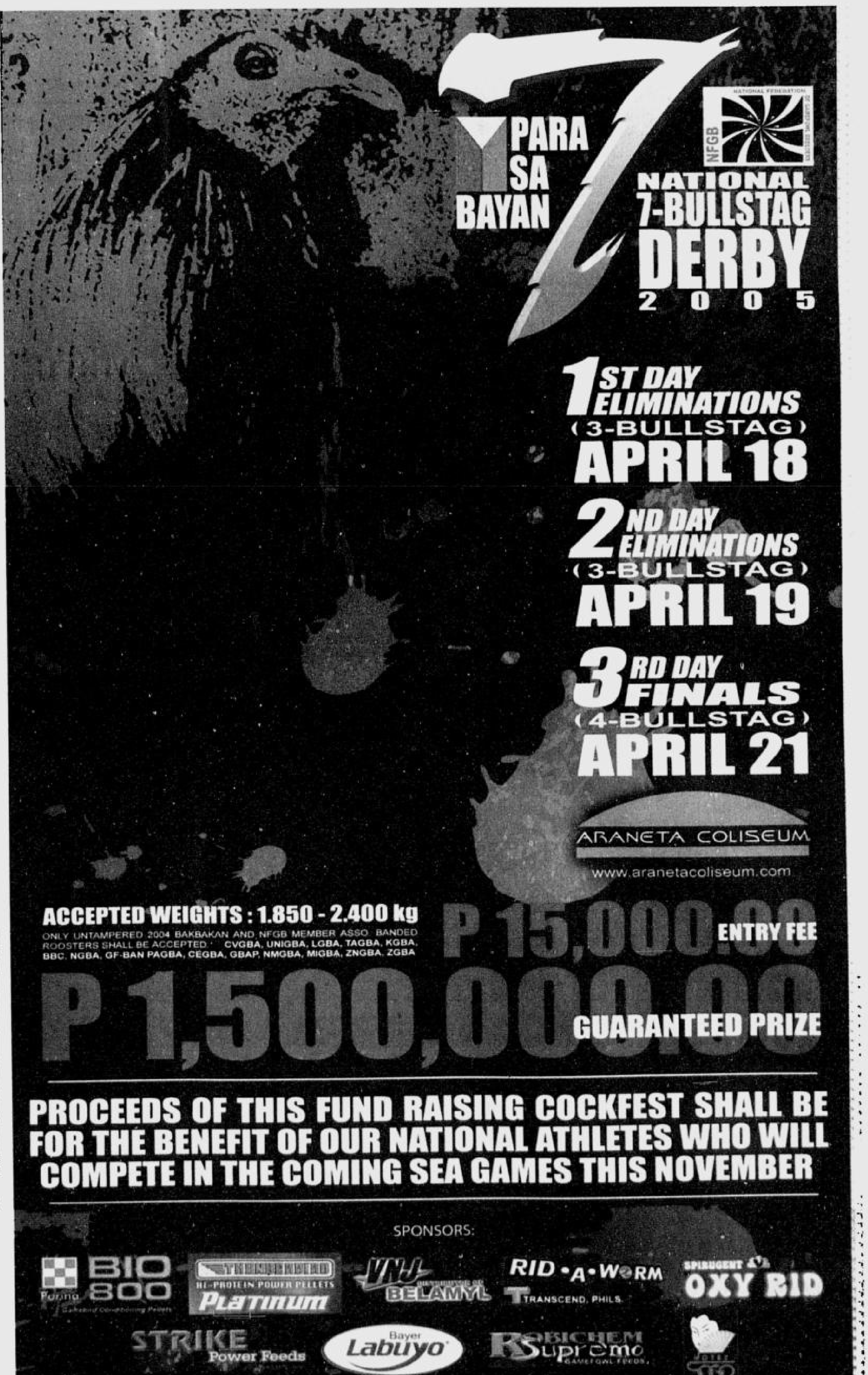
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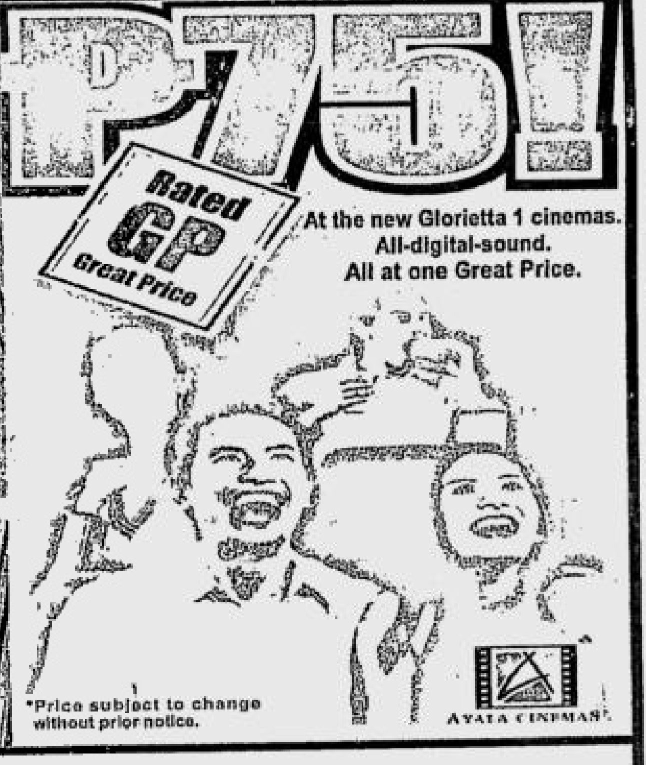

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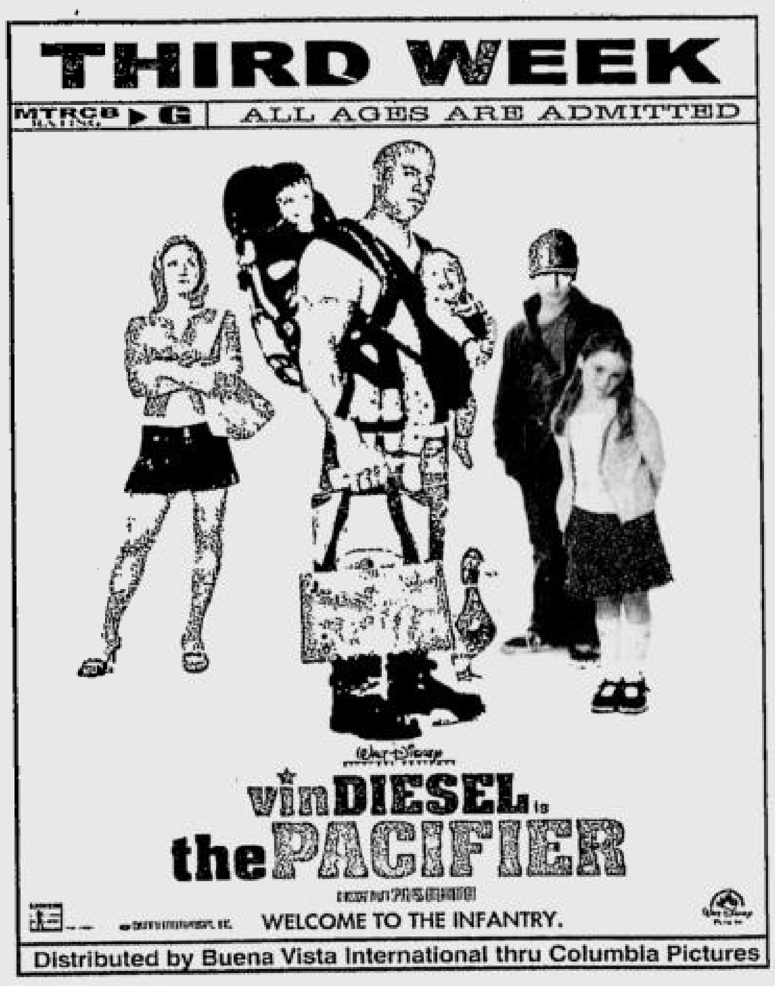
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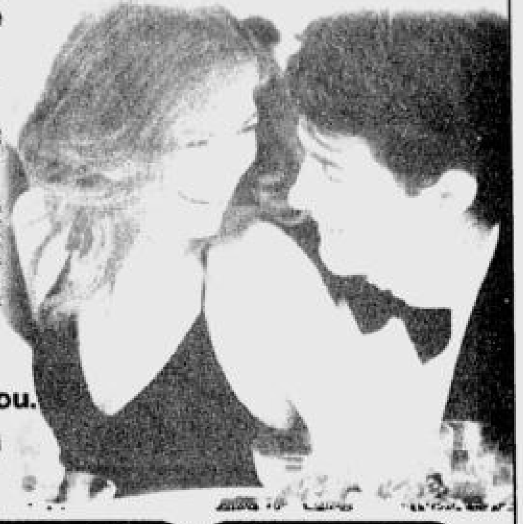

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'Lead to Gold' campaign on

By Jasmine W. Payo

CALUAG

THERE'S this joke that says Filipinos know only two sports—basketball and others. As far as a newly formed organization is concerned that will cease to be a joke.

The Lead Institute of Sport, a non-stock, non-profit organization, believes Filipinos should look beyond the hoops to excel in international sports.

And last Friday, the institute unveiled a national sports program for taekwondo, football and badminton during the official launch of its "Lead to Gold" campaign at the NBC Tent at The Fort, Taguig City.

"The Filipinos have more chances to excel in these three sports," said Fr. Carmelo Caluag SJ, Lead trustee and acting executive director.

"Basketball, as it is, has enough support," added Lead managing director Vince Santos. "So we're giving exposure and support for sports that don't have the same funding."

"When we chose the sports, we looked at the Filipinos' natural physique, ability, culture and background," said Santos. "We can excel even more if we provide the sports science behind it."

Science, in fact, plays a big part in Lead's training program.

"We're going to offer sports nutrition, sports psychology, strength and conditioning, sports physiotherapy," said Caluag, noting that Lead has recruited internationally-trained specialists from each field.

Caluag added that Lead's staff has been attending sports seminars in Asia and observing the sports institutes and training centers in Australia and the United States.

It's a long-term project, and thus, Lead tailored the program with the future generation of athletes in mind.

"We will be developing the mental and physical capabilities of the youth," said INQUIRER president and Lead vice chair Sandy Prieto-Romualdez. "We want them to start during their formative years."

In fact, Lead's main goal is to bag a gold medal in the 2008 Beijing Olympics in taekwondo, a title in the 2012 world junior badminton and a gold in the 2015 Asean Football.

"We are coordinating with the grassroots development program of the national sports associations," said Caluag, who hopes to include more sports in Lead's future projects. "In football, for example, we're looking nationwide for players under 13 because they'll be the under-23 in the Tiger Cup."

It is indeed a grand endeavor, so PLDT chief executive officer and Lead chair Manny Pangilinan appealed for the continuous support of the national athletes, sports officials and sponsors.

ISManila bet wins

JACOB Lagman

INTERNATIONAL School-Manila's Joshua Tan Ho pulled off a 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (6) upset win over top seed Russell Arcilla Jr. to win the premier boys' 18-under title in the Toby's-Philta Age-Group Championships at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Center.

Tan Ho together with Ateneo de Cagayan's Francis Casey Alcantara and Ateneo de Manila's Mark Balce will represent the country in the World Juniors Tennis Championships next month in Melbourne, Australia.

Alcantara bagged the boys' 16-under and 14-under titles at the expense of Marvin Serito (6-0, 6-1) and Kim Ivor Saraza (6-1, 6-1).

Bernardine Siso and Jacob Lagman, both standouts from

Cebu City, won the boys' 12-under the unisex 10-under title, respectively.

The top-ranked Siso defeated No. 2 Kyle Cordero, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3, for the boys' 12-under title while Lagman downed Calvin Canlas, 6-0, 6-2, to capture his seventh title this year. Michelle Pang took the girls' 18-under title over Jessica Agra, 6-2, 6-1.

MYG opens today

THE FOURTH Manila Youth Games (MY Games), the biggest-ever multi-sports gathering organized by a local government unit, unfurls today with more than 12,000 athletes from the country's premiere city vying in 14 sports at the Rizal Memorial sports complex.

Musical presentations along with a cheering competition, acrobatic show, taekwondo demonstration, and fireworks display will highlight today's inaugurals at the Rizal Stadium to usher in the week-long event organized by the Manila Sports Council (MASCO), chaired by Arnold "Ali" Atienza.

"We anticipated about 10,000 athletes in this year's MY Games with the inclusion of the 16 – 17 age bracket," said Atienza.

Manila Mayor Lito Atienza, together with the country's top sports officials, will lead city hall luminaries and representatives from the city's 897 barangays in the inaugural rites.

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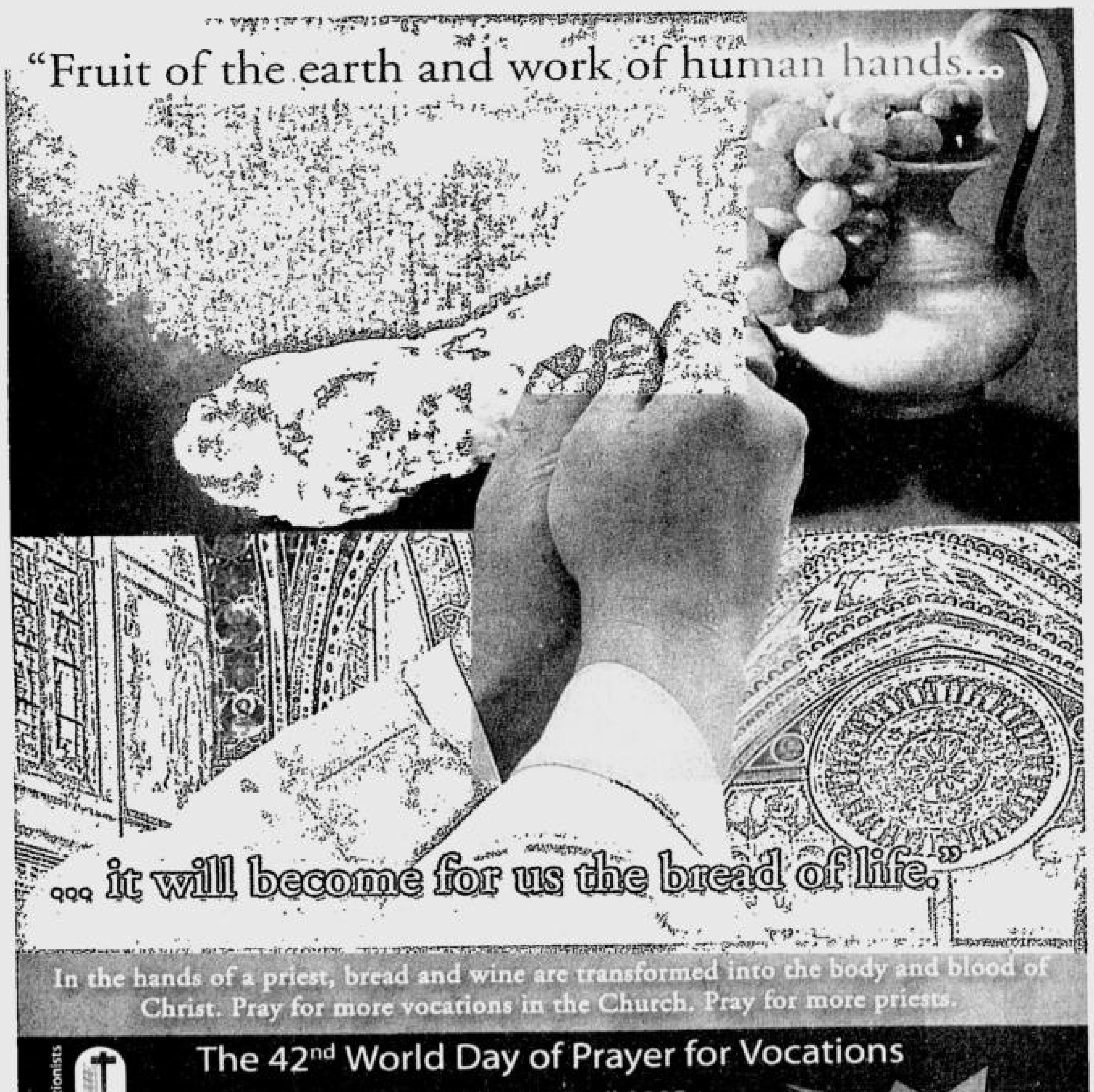

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Charges hurried, Goma says

By Nini Valera

"THEY were in such a hurry," actor Richard Gomez said yesterday of the tax evasion charges filed against him on Thursday by the Department of Finance and Bureau of Internal Revenue.

"It was after only one meeting, and we were still in the process of assessing if I indeed lacked payments," Gomez told INQUIRER Entertainment on Friday. "I was cooperating with them."

According to the charges filed before the Department of Justice, the actor had not filed income tax returns for the taxable years 2000 to 2003—a willful attempt, they said, to conceal his true income in order to avoid paying taxes.

The BIR said Richard Frank Icasiano Gomez had only one transaction with the bureau during the period, which was when he paid P786,975 in documentary stamp tax for the purchase of a P52-million property in Forbes Park, Makati.

After the BIR examiner met with his bookkeeper the first time last week, Gomez pointed out, the next step should have been a reconciliation of records, not a law suit.

"The examiner should have come back with an assessment, from which I would know [how much I owed]," he said. "If I cannot [pay up], that's when they should file a case."

He's facing this "injustice," he added, simply because he's Richard Gomez. "If I were an ordinary person, this would not have been a problem. I would have merely been asked to pay a penalty, and pay for omissions, if any."

BIR examiners should look into the records of Jose Pidal instead, he insisted. "Jose Pidal admitted that he has P300 million. They should be going after him and others like him."

Gomez and wife Lucy Torres are coming back today from Hong Kong.

"I am on my second honeymoon, and they're disturbing me," Gomez complained when INQUIRER caught up with him by phone.

If found guilty of tax evasion, the actor faces a jail term of one to 10 years.

"It's harassment. It's persecution," Gomez said. "The government is picking on me because I'm high-profile and everything that involves me is news. This has never happened to me before. I pay my taxes. I am not a tax evader."

JED Madela

OPM artist lands in Indon top 5

FILIPINO artist Jed Madela's "Songs Rediscovered" album from Universal Records has landed in the fifth slot of the Indonesian music charts.

This week, Ardan Flight 40 charts, based on FM radio reports, shows US and British artists—Rob Thomas, Aaron Carter, Garbage and Hot Hot Heat—in the four top posts.

Mariah Carey came in 10th, Jennifer Lopez 14th, and another Asian artist Anggun, is ranked 25th.

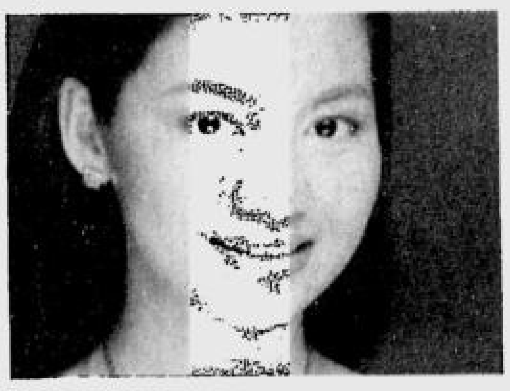
SPIN CITY

Jed's album was released by Pt. Indo Semar Sakti in Indonesia. It entered the charts at No. 31 in its first week, and has spawned two hit singles, "How Can I Fall" and "the Past."

Kyla, too

OPM artist Kyla also recently released an album in Indonesia.

The album is "Not Your Ordinary Girl," under the EMI/Polyeast Records label. The album, which contains Kyla's remake of "Human Nature," is approaching double platinum status locally.



KYLA

KIDMAN says Pope was "admirable"

Nicole Kidman is Catholic—and proud of it

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD

Ruben V. Nepales

IN a town where religion is treated almost like a dirty word, where nontraditional faiths are hip and fundamental religions are not, **Nicole Kidman** is a breath of fresh air.

The actress is Catholic and proud of it. Speaking to reporters in a hotel where the paparazzi were waiting outside like a flock of buzzards, Nicole explained how she keeps her cool in her very public life. Catholicism, she said, guides her.

"I was raised a Catholic," said the very fair, very blonde ex-Mrs. **Tom Cruise** in a Prada dress (in aubergine, my female colleagues told me). Late afternoon California sunshine streaming through the room made her appear whiter than white—but in a radiant, dazzling way. "Catholicism is a part of my life. Last Easter time was lovely because I was back with my family. That's the first time in a long while that I spent Easter with my huge extended Catholic family, with aunts and cousins from all over the place. Being a Catholic was so much a part of my childhood, that it still remains with me."

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'Goin' Bulilit' should be made more child-friendly

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

SOME months ago, we gave Channel 2's new comedy show, **"Goin' Bulilit"** a positive review, but cautioned the show's staffers that some of its jokes and comic situations were too mature for its cast of child comedians. We urged the show's writers to keep their scripts child-friendly, to keep from turning some parents and educators off.

We watched the show again a couple of weeks ago, and saw that the problematic situation has yet to be rationalized.

In one skit, some child comics sequentially cut off a hapless frog's body parts, to see if it could still hop despite being disabled. The cutting-off wasn't shown, but the skit was still *not* A-OK because it suggested to child viewers that inflicting bodily harm on living creatures was funny. Hey, it isn't.

In another questionable skit, a pregnant woman accompanied by her driver went to her doctor (all characters were played by children). The doctor asked where her husband was, and she said he was too busy to accompany her. The doctor complimented the driver for accompanying the woman. The driver then revealed that he was the father of the baby the woman was bearing. —Again, a situation and character too mature for both child performers and young viewers.

A third skit had a boy zipping up the open zipper of a girl's pants. Then he unzipped it once more. The "comic" point? *"Kasi akala ko, mas gusto niyang bukas, kaya binuksan ko uli."* For kids?

Finally, a boy playing a husband advised a friend on how to keep his wife happy: *"Pag-uwi ko, hinalikan ko ang asawa ko."* The friend later returned to thank him for his advice: "Okay, *'pre—ang ganda pala ng asawa mo!"* —Oh, come on.

We like the other things "Goin' Bulilit" is doing, but its excessively mature comic situations and characters really need to be eliminated. Make the show child-friendly, please.

Parents and educators, if you agree, join us in commenting on this, why don't you? We would also like to hear from child psychologists on how the specific "jokes" listed here could have a negative effect on children.

Feedback

LOI R. Landicho of Makati City weighs in on show biz awards ceremonies: "All sorts of flak have been hurled against local entertainment awards ceremonies. Detractors say they are pointless, poorly orchestrated, biased and triumphant in redefining boredom but a huge failure in attracting stars.

"Critics overlook one thing: local awards nights are so uniquely Filipino that, without their oddities and display of sheer mediocrity, TV viewing would not be as entertaining as it is. Why are they unique? Some reasons:

"1) The Best Actress category is the most important of all awards. Nobody gives a damn about whoever wins the Best Actor plum. It's the Nora-Vilma or Sharon-Maricel rivalry that matters.

"2) The Darling of the Press awardee delivers the longest 'thank you' speech of the night, eclipsing the 'Mahabharata' and 'Beowulf' combined.

"3) Members of the award-giving body take turns in sashaying onstage all night as they play trophy girls and boys. Whether it's due to the lack of budget or the desire for TV exposure, the job is still demeaning to you, guys.

"4) Two or three sets of nominees are announced first, then all three winners for three different categories are revealed one after the other. Now, that puts the presenters at risk of reading the wrong name!

"5) Stars not recognized for acting ability get cash just for looking good—hence, the Stars of the Night category. There's a catch, though: You have only a slim chance of winning if you're not in the roster of hosts.

"6) As the winner walks toward the stage, very loud and obviously canned applause is heard. Then the camera zooms into the crowd of disinterested and apathetic stars—*ni isa, walang pumapalakpak.*

"7) You have a Filipiniana-themed affair that opens with the scantily clad triumvirate of Regine Tolentino, Patricia Javier and Diana Zubiri, and the intermission number is Jolina Magdangal doing a Britney Spears medley.

"8) Winners are virtually 'transported' somewhere even before their names are called. How often have we heard dimwit presenters blurting out the silly line, 'And the winner goes to—?' (I wonder where!)

"9) Dozens of event sponsors ink a deal with the show to allot airtime for their special awards. Guess who almost always takes home the prize? Their celebrity endorsers, who else?

"10) Awards ceremonies, which are usually telecast on Saturday evenings and end the next day, give us a choice on what to watch on TV. On ordinary Saturdays, *Kuya* Germs' 'Master Showman' rules the boob tube. But, as soon as the awards season begins, RPN-9 gives him strong competition. —*Walang tulugan!"*

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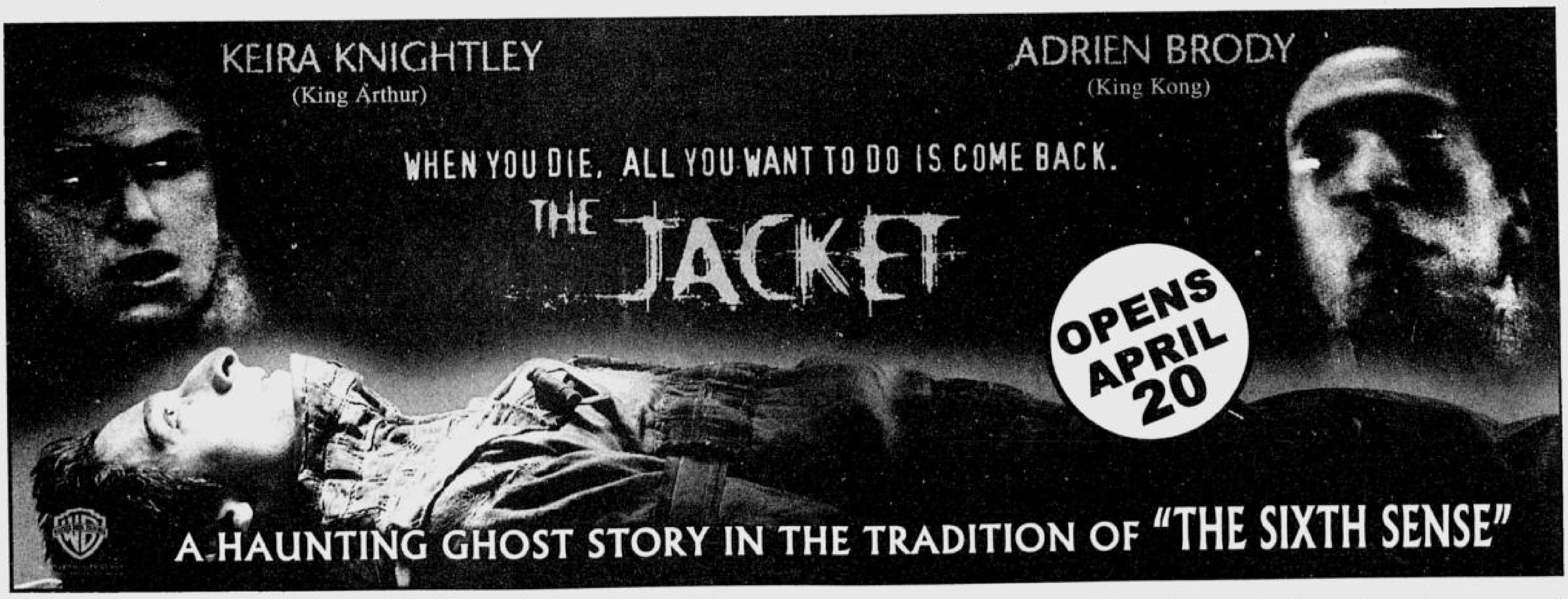
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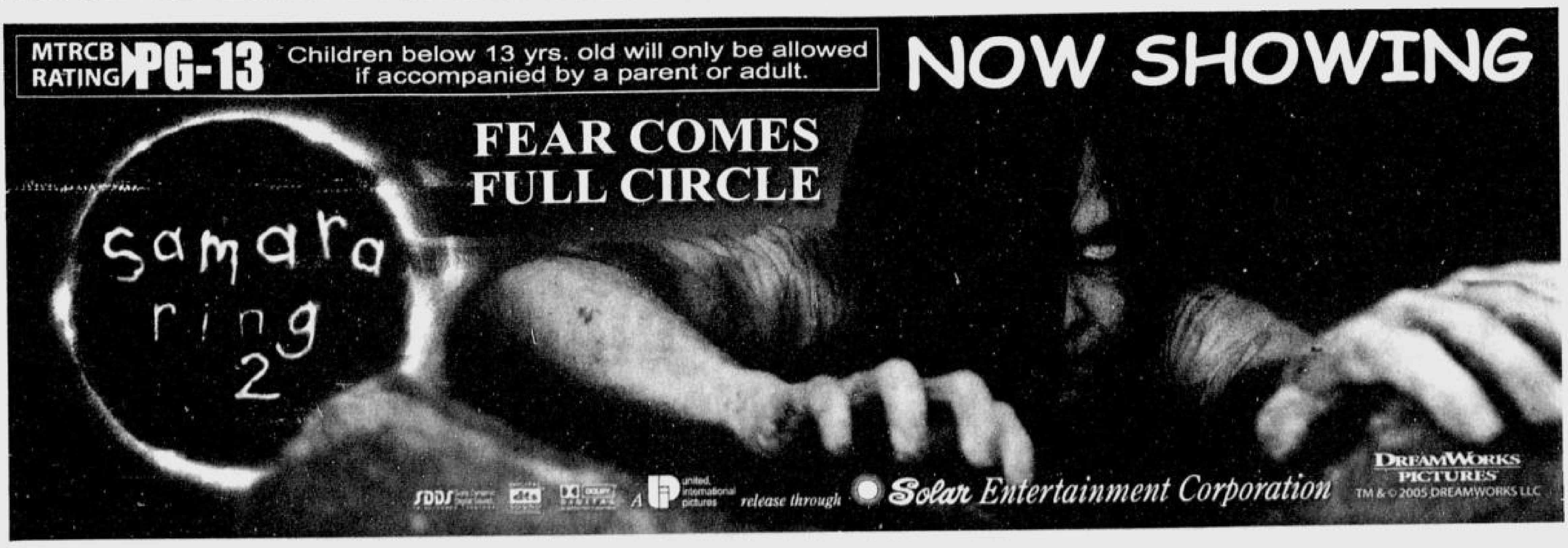
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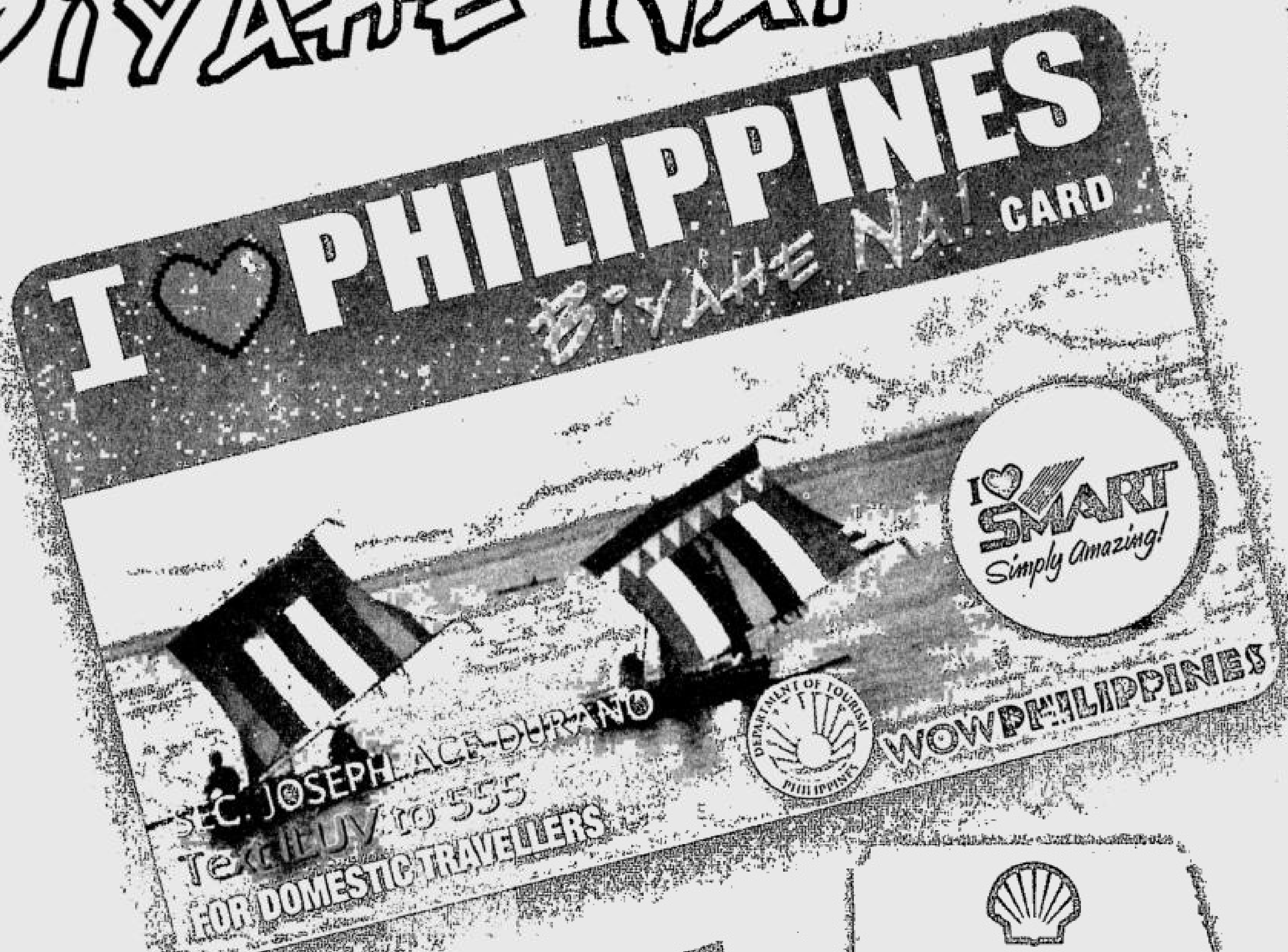

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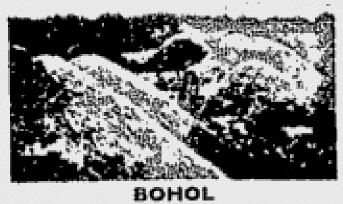

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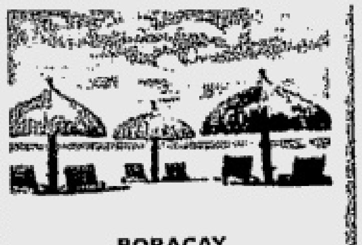

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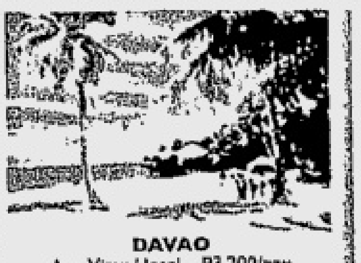

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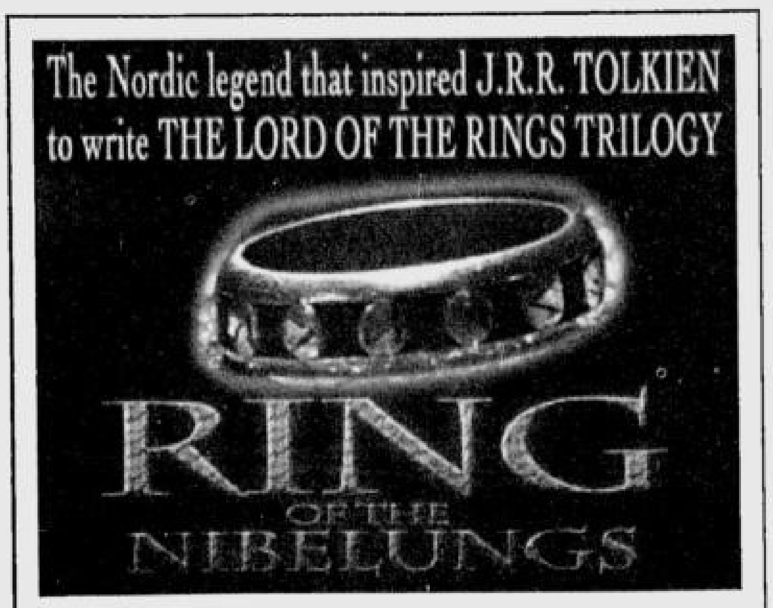
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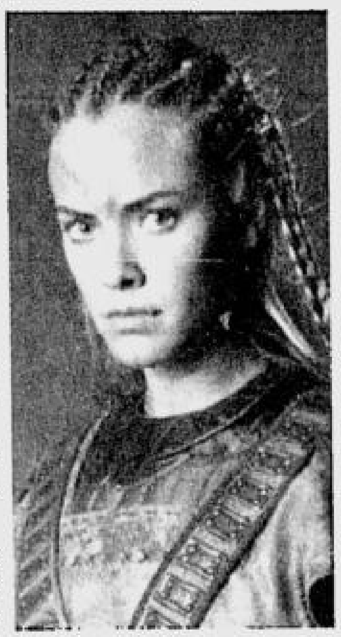

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REVIEW

Boso
Directed by Jon Red
Exclusively at Robinsons Galleria and Robinsons Ermita

By Nice Rodriguez
and Elvira Mata

AFTER their ordeal that was "Birhen ng Manaoag," our dynamic, occasionally dysfunctional duo were looking forward to their second Tagalog movie "Boso." But they were barred from entering the cinema—and not because they were under 18.

ELVIRA: On the morning of the first day at Robinsons Ermita, the movie was a no-show.

NICE: Kala-boso!

ELVIRA: We waited around with lascivious-looking men until this one in a light blue sort-of-barong came out and tried to explain—not apologize—to the disgruntled crowd that it was not Robinsons' fault; it was the producers'. "They did not send over their DVD player," he said.

I think the correct term is digital projector, not DVD player. Duh.

He couldn't tell exactly when they could show the movie. He said we could wait until 6 p.m., or proceed to Robinsons Galleria, because the equipment had been delivered there and the movie was running on sked.

Oh, Mr. Blue, who needs training in good manners, cab fare from Ermita to Edsa Ortigas is more than the cost of a movie ticket. The least you could do was turn us away nicely.

A quote from a press release issued by Viva Films, which produced the movie: "Viva hopes to create inroads wherein it can use its marketing savvy to introduce new filmmaking trends." The statement was attributed to Viva big boss Vincent del Rosario.

This must be one of the savvy marketing techniques.

Never mind. We shopped, we ate, then went back to check if the "DVD player" had arrived. Nope. So we went to Robinsons Galleria and caught the 2 p.m. show. Thank goodness it was well-worth the effort. The movie, in spite of all those double breast exposures, wasn't about sex. It was about the problems of unemployment and mass housing in the Philippines.

NICE: Did we see the same movie?

ELVIRA: Kidding. It was about tits and the upside of rat infestation.

Brilliant

NICE: Have you seen any Korean *telenovela*? They're too clean, and even the dubbing sounds sanitized. I welcome "Boso." It's peopled by salacious characters who could be living in my neighborhood. Jeffrey Quizon may look like a samurai Bozo—a clown with hair tightly pulled back like a Japanese warrior's—but he's your typical bum. He plays Jake, caretaker of a rooming house. Rats lead him up the ceiling, where he gets his first crack at a new hobby. He starts boring holes into the ceiling of the rooms and becomes privy to the lodgers' lives.

ELVIRA: I particularly like this couple who attend prayer sessions then watch porn in their living room, but remain celibate. Also this single woman who prances in front of the mirror in her underwear but goes to work dressed like a Catholic high school principal.

NICE: Some scenes are brilliant; it's almost an art film. The movie starts with a green joke that stimulates the ... nose. I've heard it said that the nose is a sexual organ and one of man's more developed survival skills as a species. I was drawn to the imaginary odor of the sweat and unshaven hair on the characters' bodies, the ratty environment ... even the cigarette smoke.

ELVIRA: The movie has a lot of make-out scenes. But I was hardly turned on, didn't feel even vaguely romantic. It was so ... *ew*. Maybe because of the scuzzy state of the rooming house. In one scene, this couple is French-kissing in the kitchen and he has taken off her blouse. But my eyes are glued to the grime on the cupboards. There are rats in the ceiling, for heaven's sake. There is another scene where Jake watches a roach, a metaphor for his existence.

Good job

NICE: The director, Jon Red, is a keen observer of Pinoy body language. A couple of scenes come to mind: Two bodies side-bumping like kids about to play a game, and an upset couple who patch things up with eyes darting back and forth. No dialogue, but the scenes are very effective.

But when there's dialogue, it's a riot. There's Jake's excuse for momentarily losing his sexual appetite —"*Nagtatae ako* (I have diarrhea)." There's also this tenant who "prays over" anything or anyone as an instant solution to a crisis. Red shines in portraying these Filipino idiosyncrasies.

ELVIRA: I think Red did a good job. With his harsh lighting and grimy surroundings, the movie feels like a documentary with a plot. And with the Pinoy rap music in the background and sharp editing, sometimes it feels like a music video.

NICE: But the camera work is jerky, since he used a hand-held digital camera.

ELVIRA: It's like watching "NYPD Blue" which, if I am not mistaken, popularized this camera technique.

NICE: Red uses music excessively. I have all the reasons to rave over some of the *tunog kalye* (street music) which makes up a big part of the soundtrack, but there are parts when it distracts more than helps in the storytelling. I guess this is what's lamentable about Filipino films. We have sophisticated visuals and a polished musical taste but when we find a bounty (Red reportedly was allowed to raid Viva Records' extensive music library), we don't know what and when to throw away.

I first saw Quizon in "Markova: Comfort Gay" at the Toronto Film Festival. He has the shortest role as the adolescent gay Markova but steals the show from both Eric Quizon and their father Dolphy. On a less gifted actor, Jeffrey's sharp features and unruly hair would spell typecasting in thrillers. But he has an acting range that most actors can only dream of. He is lean, and his body is well-chiseled. He's also got this grinding, throbbing ... mandible. Many times, Red exploits this and shoots dramatically from this facial angle.

ELVIRA: There are cameo appearances by ACTORS—all caps—who have appeared in movies I so enjoyed in the past: Joel Torre, Ronnie Lazaro and Bembol Roco Jr. There are three Viva Hot Babes here and they all do frontal nudity. Katya Santos, who gets the plum role of Cecilia, the object of Jake's affections, has the acting range of a melon.

JEFFREY Quizon, right, gets great support from actors like Bembol Roco

Nicole Kidman …

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practicing Catholic?

Pope was 'admirable'

"I certainly have a strong belief," replied Nicole, one of the nicest A-list actresses. "I try to go to church regularly, and I try to go to confession."

On the recently departed Pope **John Paul II**, Nicole commented: "Whether you agreed with him or not, it was admirable that in this world, he stood for issues and stuck by them."

Inspired by her faith and parents, whom she describes as having "very strong social conscience," the 37-year-old Aussie keeps herself involved with the Unicef. "I also do an enormous amount of fundraising for ovarian cancer," she stated. "My mother had breast cancer. If you're in a position like I'm in, it's your duty to try, in a small way, to help the world."

As for her personal life, this statuesque beauty laughed as she rattled off what is not true about her at the moment: "I'm not engaged. And I'm not pregnant. Obviously, I haven't moved forward in that arena. He's just a friend."

"He" is **Steve Bing**, millionaire producer and former boyfriend of actress **Elizabeth Hurley**.

Grown-up kids

Still laughing, Nicole pointed out, "I read on the cover of a magazine that I was engaged. I was like, I wish someone had told me!"

The Oscar and Golden Globe Best Actress for 2002's "The Hours" confirmed that her adopted kids with Tom Cruise, **Bella** (12) and **Connor** (10), do ask if she's dating. She assures them by saying, "If I am, believe me, you're going to be the first to know." And have the children put in their two cents' worth on prospective stepdads? "Absolutely," Nicole said, laughing some more. "Unfortunately for the guys, yes!"

Nicole joked, "[The kids are] older than me now. That's what it feels like. They're very independent, really well grounded little people. I'm sort of stunned, actually. Life goes on, doesn't it? I think they're embarrassed by me at the moment. I still smother my son with kisses. He's like, 'Get off

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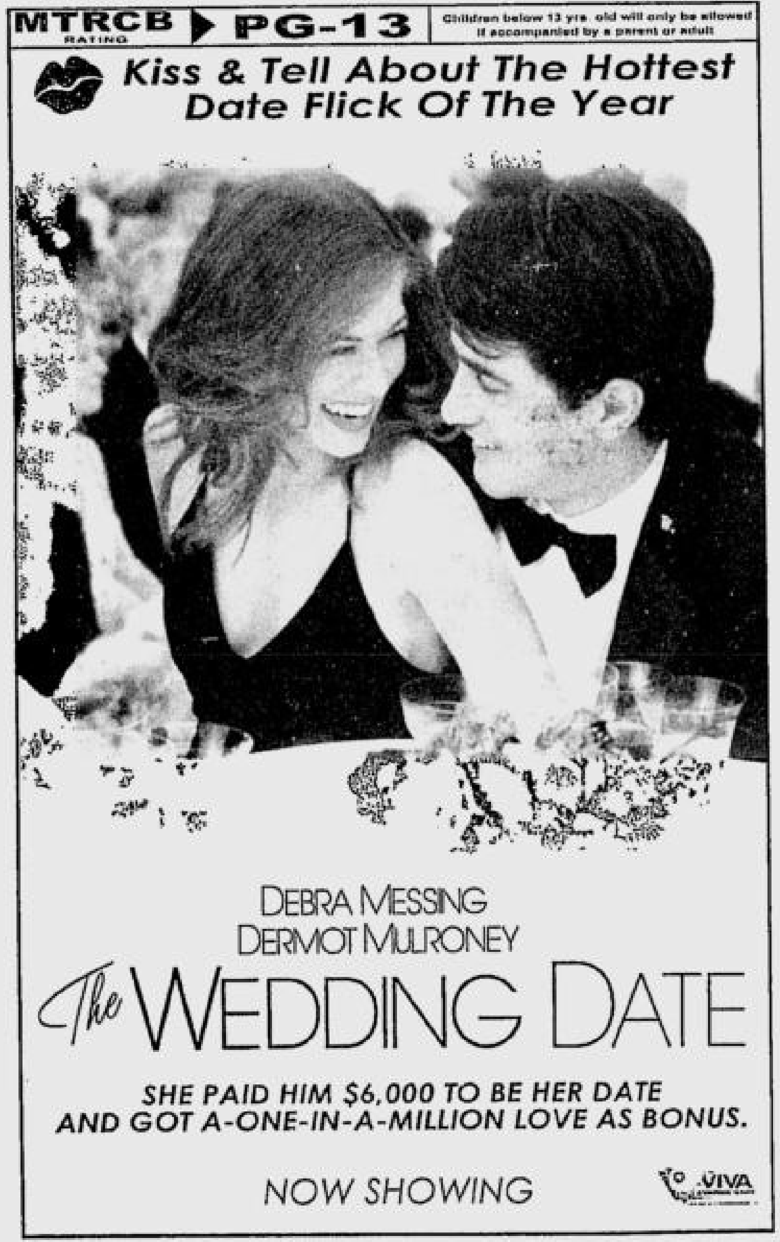
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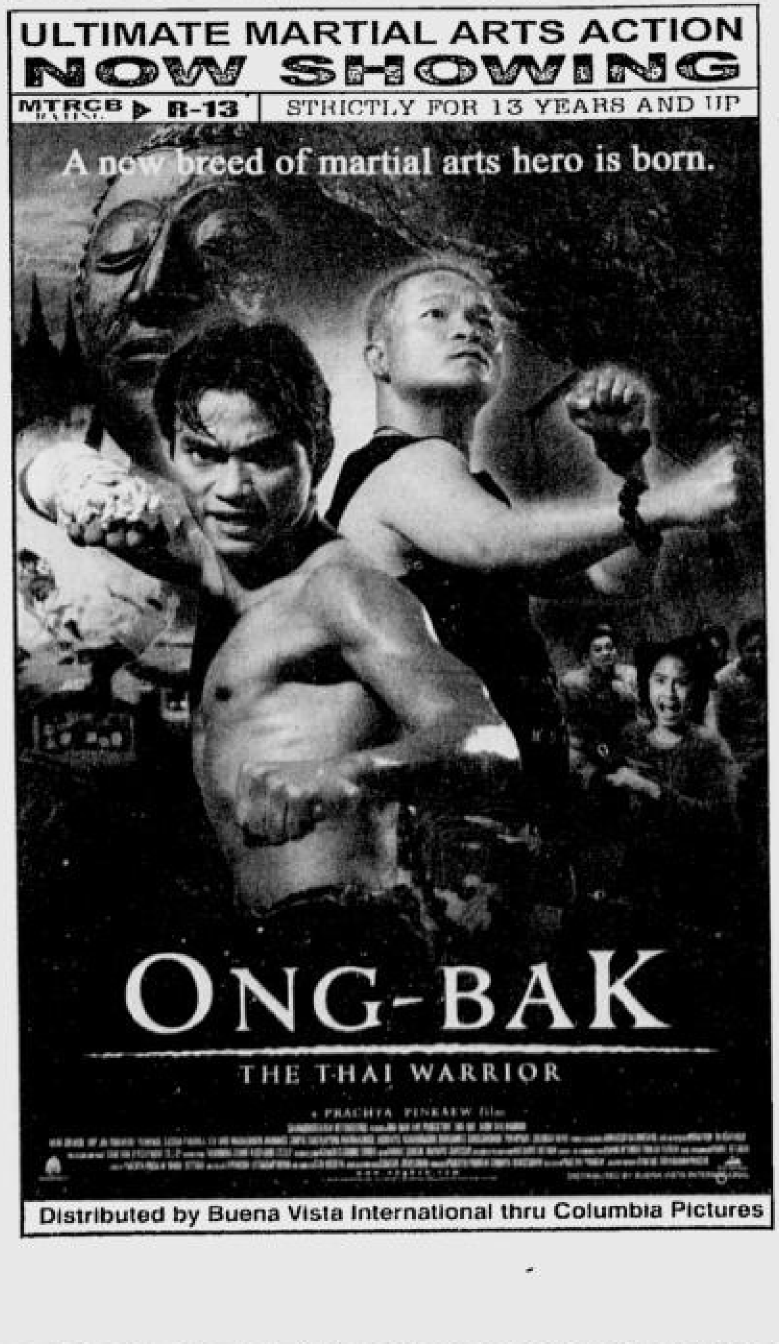
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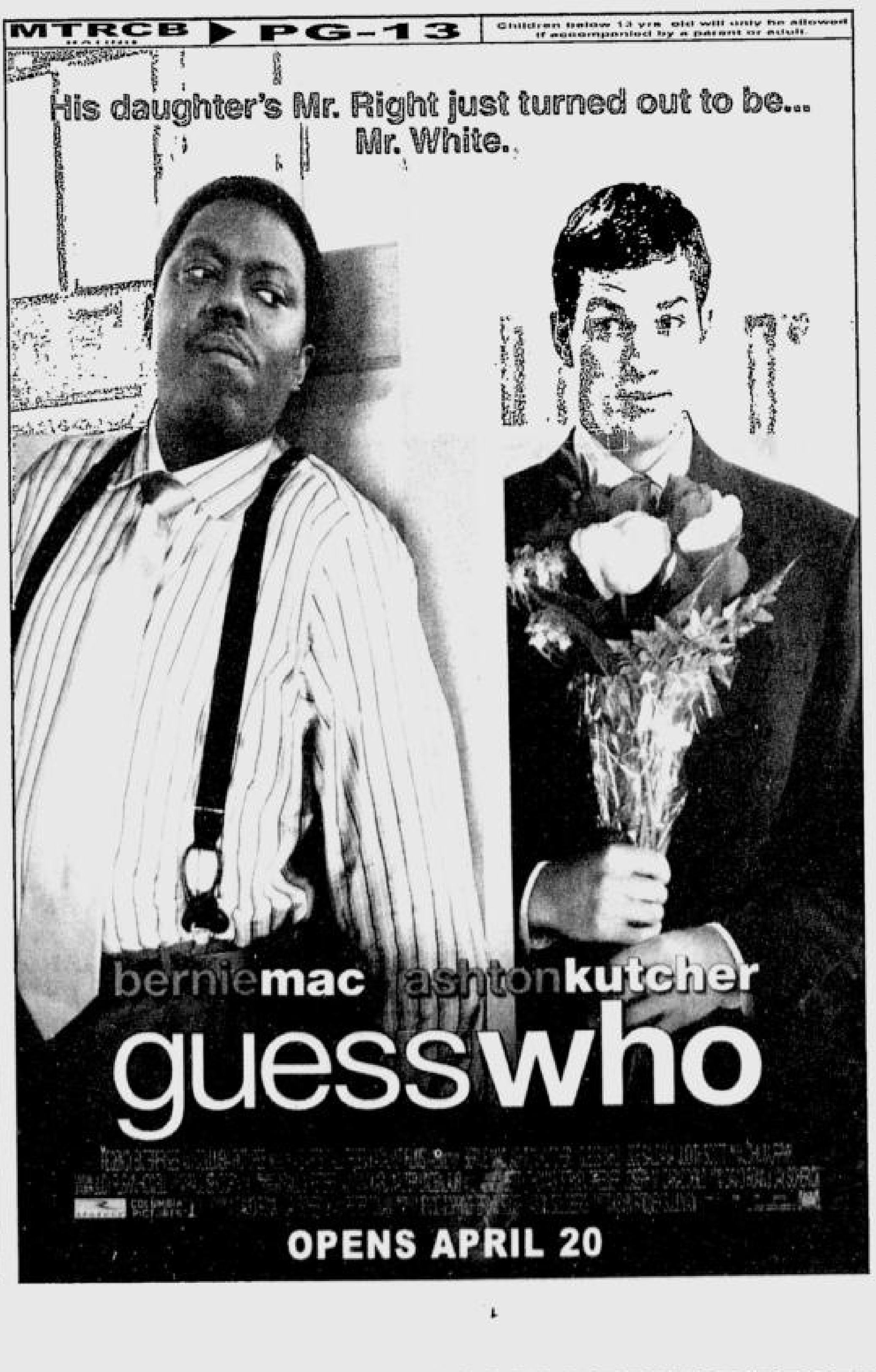
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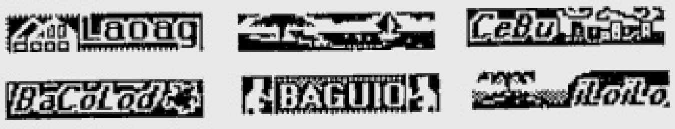
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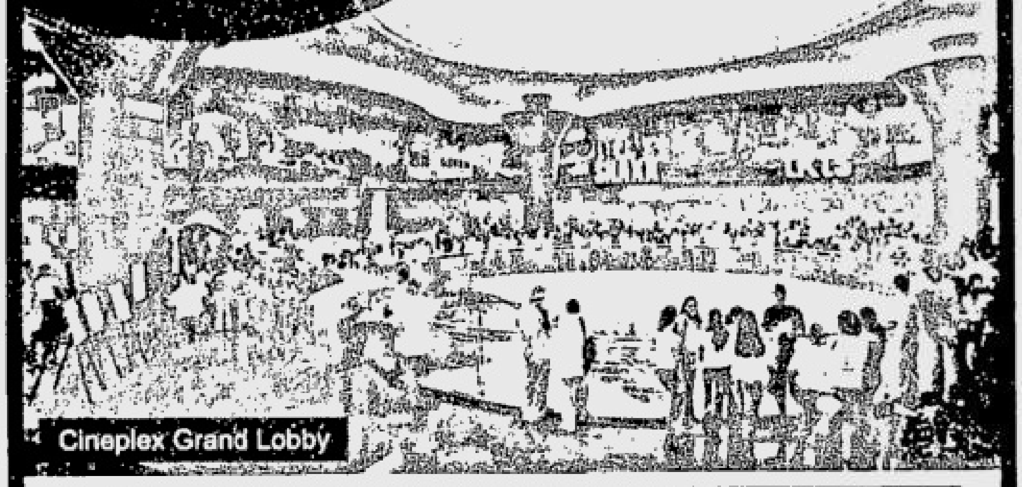
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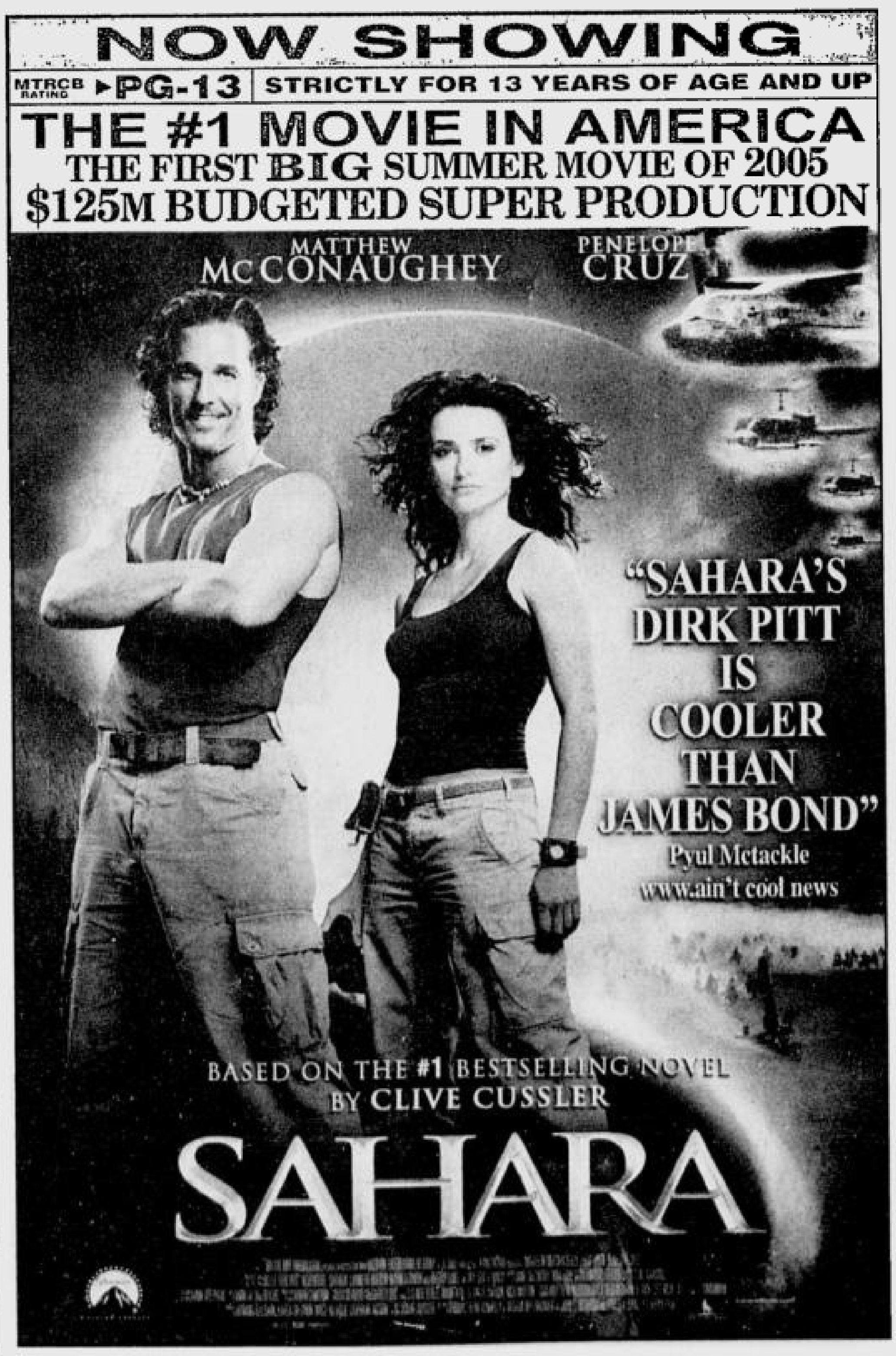
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DAVID Duchovny and Robin Williams in "House of D"

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LAS VEGAS—David Duchovny is writer and director of the coming-of-age tale "House of D." It stars his wife, Téa Leoni, and Robin Williams.

Duchovny himself plays the main character.

The drama was inspired by stories his mother told of a house of detention for women in his boyhood neighborhood of lower Manhattan.

He chatted with The Associated Press before a screening for theater owners in Las Vegas.

"House of D" is a movie without a huge marketing budget. What are you doing to get the word out?

I'm doing a city-to-city, hat-in-hand tour.

Are there movies with almighty hooks you passed on that went on to become hits?

Probably. I've probably made mistakes that way.

You are said to have written the "House of D" script really, really fast.

You could say it took me a week to write the script or that it took me 20 years. The images always were there. Women would hang out of the bars and have interactions with strangers.

How did you come to cast your wife as the mother?

I think I offered it to Meryl Streep. She wouldn't do it. One night [Téa] just came to me and said, "Do you think I could play the mother?" I said, "For sure."

And Robin Williams?

He was early on. He really drove the making of the movie, because he was the big star. Robin got the script pretty much when I finished it. He read it and just called me.

How did you end up casting yourself?

It just kind of happened. I just thought, well, I understood it, I like to act, I hadn't acted in six months or something. *AP*

Nicole Kidman . . .

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me.' I think at the moment they're really trying to be independent. But we're very good friends on top of it all—which is a lovely thing."

As an interpreter for the United Nations in the drama-thriller titled, well, "The Interpreter," Nicole had to learn how to play the flute. The proud, glamorous mommy volunteered, "Connor was like, 'I want to learn that tune [on the flute].' And Bella said, 'I want to learn, too.' So we were all walking around the house with our instruments when I was starting to learn the flute. It became a contest of who could learn it quicker. I was the last."

Extraordinary

In this movie that is the first ever to shoot inside the United Nations headquarters since it was built in 1946, Nicole co-stars with **Sean Penn** (also a first-time teaming) under the direction of **Sydney Pollack** (Oscar Best Picture "Out of Africa" and "Tootsie"). "He's extraordinarily generous as an actor," she said of Sean. "When he's in a scene with you he wants you to be great in that scene. That is a lovely quality."

She will be seen next in the movie adaptation of that classic 1960s TV sitcom, "Bewitched." Does she wiggle her nose, just like **Elizabeth Montgomery** did in the TV series? "I do it a lot," she answered with a laugh. "You'll all be sick of it. I do it even in the trailer."

As for the photographers waiting for her outside, she commented, "A lot of the time you're not aware of them because they're in the bush or something. So that means I'm not the kind of girl who would go topless on a beach. Besides, I'm a little too shy for that."

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2004 & 1st QUARTER (Jan-Mar) 2005 OVERALL CHANNEL RATINGS
Mega Manila TV Households TOTAL DAY (6AM-12MN)

Nielsen Media Phils.

	2004	1st Quarter 2005
GMA	13.6	15.3
ABS-CBN	11.7	10.5

AGB Phils.

	2004	1st Quarter 2005
GMA	17.0	18.9
ABS-CBN	15.5	13.8

Mega Manila Households (March 2005) Source: AGB Phils. (Program specials excluded)

13 OUT OF THE OVERALL TOP 15 PROGRAMS ARE ON GMA

RANK	PROGRAM	CHANNEL	RATING %
1.	FULL HOUSE	GMA	41.8
2.	MULAWIN	GMA	40.6
3.	STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN	GMA	38.8
4.	EXTRA CHALLENGE	GMA	36.9
5.	BITOY'S FUNNIEST VIDEOS	GMA	31.4
6.	IMBESTIGADOR	GMA	29.4
7.	24 ORAS	GMA	29.1
8.	SAVE THE LAST DANCE FOR ME	ABS-CBN	27.0
9.	ALL STAR KI	GMA	26.4
10	HIRAM	ABS-CBN	25.0
11.	IRENE	GMA	24.9
12.	EAT BULAGA	GMA	24.8
13.	KAPUSO MO, JESSICA SOHO	GMA	24.1
14.	PINOY POP SUPERSTAR	GMA	24.1
15.	MAGPAKAILANMAN	GMA	23.8

12 OUT OF THE TOP 15 DAYTIME PROGRAMS ARE ON GMA

RANK	PROGRAM	CHANNEL	RATING %
1.	IRENE	GMA	24.9
2.	EAT BULAGA	GMA	24.8
3.	KNOCK OUT	GMA	22.4
4.	DAISY SIETE	GMA	21.6
5.	PILIPINAS GAME KANA BA?	ABS-CBN	19.4
6.	'WAG KUKURAP	GMA	18.8
7.	SAANG SULOK NG LANGIT	GMA	18.4
8.	WOWOWEE	ABS-CBN	18.0
9.	STRIKER HUNGRY HEART	GMA	17.4
10.	ONE PIECE	GMA	17.2
11.	GLASS SHOES	GMA	17.0
12.	NOW & FOREVER	GMA	16.1
13.	JOYRIDE, SAMA KA NA!	GMA	15.9
14.	RUBI	ABS-CBN	15.7
15.	WISH KO LANG!	GMA	15.6

11 OUT OF THE TOP 15 PRIMETIME PROGRAMS ARE ON GMA

RANK	PROGRAM	CHANNEL	RATING %
1.	FULL HOUSE	GMA	41.8
2.	MULAWIN	GMA	40.6
3.	STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN	GMA	38.8
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12.	PINOY POP SUPERSTAR	GMA	24.1
13.	MAGPAKAILANMAN	GMA	23.8
14.	RATED K HANDA NA BA KAYO?	ABS-CBN	23.5
15	KRYSTALA	ABS-CBN	23.5

7 OUT OF THE TOP 10 LATE NIGHT PROGRAMS ARE ON GMA

RANK	PROGRAM	CHANNEL	RATING %
1.	SUNDAY NIGHT BOX-OFFICE	GMA	16.1
2.	SUNDAY FAMILY CINEMA	ABS-CBN	11.6
3.	SAKSI	GMA	11.1
4.	TALES OF HORROR	GMA	10.1
5.	JESSICA SOHO REPORTS	GMA	10.1
6.	KONTROBERSYAL	ABS-CBN	9.7
7.	REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK	GMA	8.9
8.	INSIDER	ABS-CBN	8.5
9.	EMERGENCY	GMA	8.2
10.	I-WITNESS	GMA	7.0

Kahit may 'di pa rin maipaliwanag na kakaibang resulta ng ABS-CBN cable ratings sa AGB sa piling mga programa...

COMPARATIVE RATING GAPS BETWEEN CABLE & NON-CABLE TV HOUSEHOLDS
for selected competing programs of similar format & timeslot (Mega Manila • March 2005)

GMA		NON-CABLE HOMES RATINGS%	CABLE HOMES RATINGS%	GAP (Non Cable Cable)
EARLY MORNING	UNANG HIRIT	6	4	2
LATE MORNING	SIS	17	10	7
	IRENE	27	18	9
NOON	EAT BULAGA	26	20	6
PRIMETIME	STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN (March 1-11)	43	32	11
	STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN (March 14-31)	40	32	8
	FULL HOUSE (March 1-11)	42	33	9
	FULL HOUSE (March 14-18)	43	35	8

• SOURCE. AGB PHILS.

ABS-CBN		NON-CABLE HOMES RATINGS%	CABLE HOMES RATINGS%	GAP (Non Cable Cable)
EARLY MORNING	M. U. B.	5	6	(1)
LATE MORNING	M. R. S.	12	10	2
	Rubi	16	13	3
NOON	Wowowee	19	16	3
PRIMETIME	Till Death Do Us Part (March 1-11)	19	17	2
	Save the Last Dance (March 14-31)	26	24	2
	Save the Last Dance (March 1-11)	29	26	3
	Hiram (March 14-18)	24	22	2

Makaaasa po kayong lalo pa naming pagbubutihan ang paghahatid sa inyo ng mga programang inyong kagigiliwan. . .

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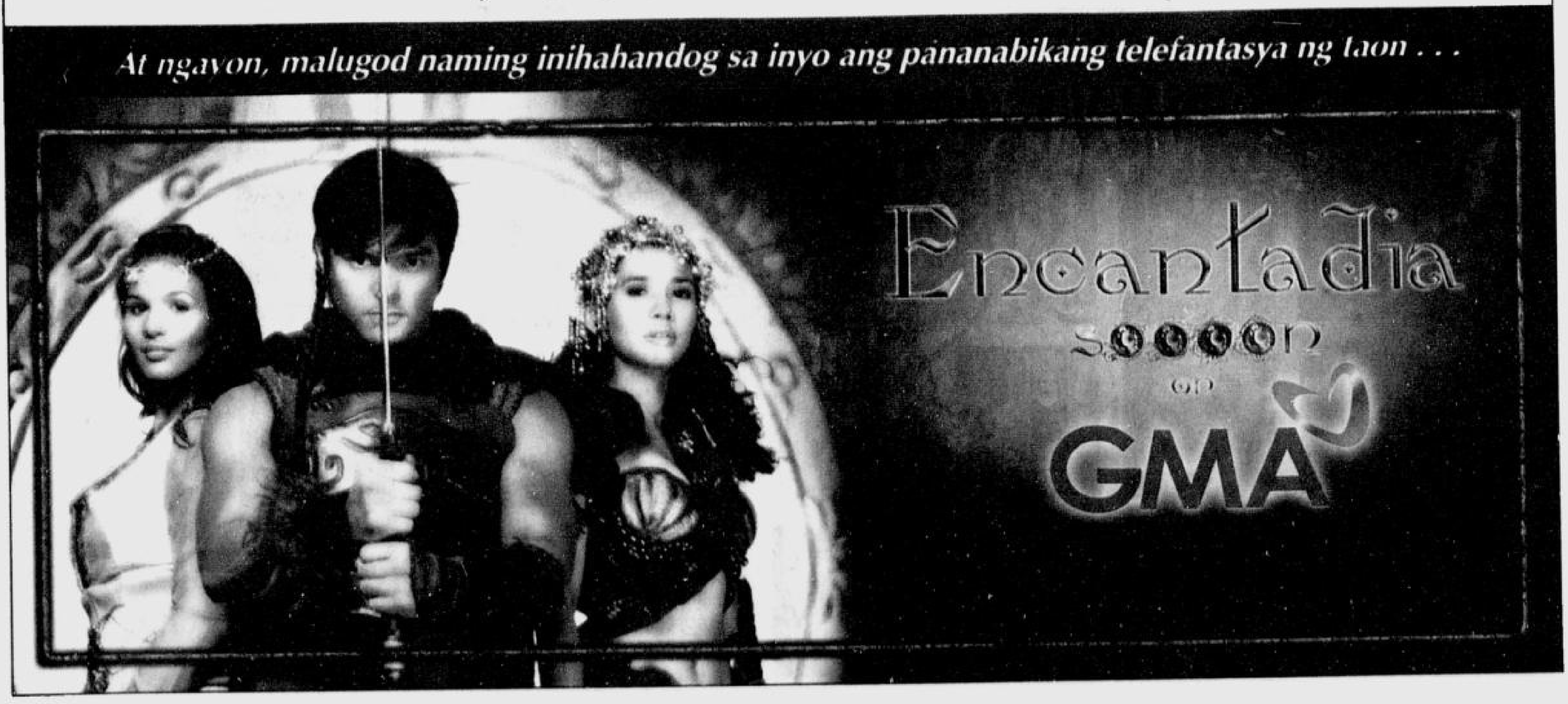

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Jose Mari Chan wins court cases on 2 hits

By Marinel R. Cruz

WORKS are protected by the sole fact of their creation, irrespective of their mode or form of expression, as well as of their content, quality and purpose."

Thus, the Supreme Court cited the Intellectual Property Code as it upheld Jose Mari Chan's rightful ownership to two songs—both more than two decades old and both of which became hits—which an advertising firm earlier claimed the singer, who is also the composer, "unlawfully" recorded and distributed.

In a resolution signed by Clerk of Court Lucita Abjelina Soriano and dated March 7, 2005, the high court denied the request of publisher Bayanihan Music Philippines Inc. (Bami) for a temporary restraining order (TRO) and "found no merit" for the issuance of a writ of preliminary injunction against Chan and recording firm BMG Records.

On Aug. 8, 2000, Bami filed a complaint before the Quezon City Regional Trial Court against Chan and BMG Records for allegedly violating the code.

No justification

But the court said Bami should "show that it has ostensible right" to file the request. The court did not find "ample justification for the issuance of the writ," the resolution stated.

Chan signed a contract with Bami on July 16, 1973, giving it the right to "maximize the commercial potential" of the song "Can We Just Stop and Talk A While" and, on March 11, 1976, the song "Afraid For Love to Fade."

On the strength of the contracts, Bami applied and was granted a certificate of copyright registration for the two songs. Shortly after, Chan authorized BMG Records to record and distribute the songs as part of a Lea Salonga album.

Thus, Bami requested the Quezon City RTC for a TRO and/or writ of preliminary injunction against BMG Records and Chan to prevent further recording and distribution of the same songs.

Publication deals

In Chan's response to the complaint, he said it was "never his intention to divest himself of all his rights and interests" over the songs, and that the contracts with Bami were "mere music publication agreements." Chan added that Bami failed to "effectively advertise his songs for almost 20 years," and that he was not aware that Bami had been granted copyrights to the songs.

On Feb. 20, 2001, the Quezon City RTC denied Bami's request for a TRO, saying the publisher "was not able to show its entitlement to the TRO." The lower court also denied Bami's request for preliminary injunction on Aug. 24, 2001.

Bami's motion for reconsideration was again denied on Jan. 10, 2002. It appealed the ruling before the Court of Appeals, which merely upheld it on Dec. 14, 2004.

In its March 7, 2005, resolution, the Supreme Court maintained that Chan, "who is undeniably the composer and author of the

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lyrics of the two songs, is protected by the mere fact… that he is the creator."

It added that there was "no proof that [Bami] ever made use of the songs within the two-year period."

Chan's contracts with Bami expired on Oct. 1, 1975, and March 11, 1978.

The singer revoked the contracts with Bami on July 30, 1997, because he said the latter "had been remiss on its contractual obligations." The revocation happened almost three years before Bami filed its complaint before the lower court, the SC resolution noted.

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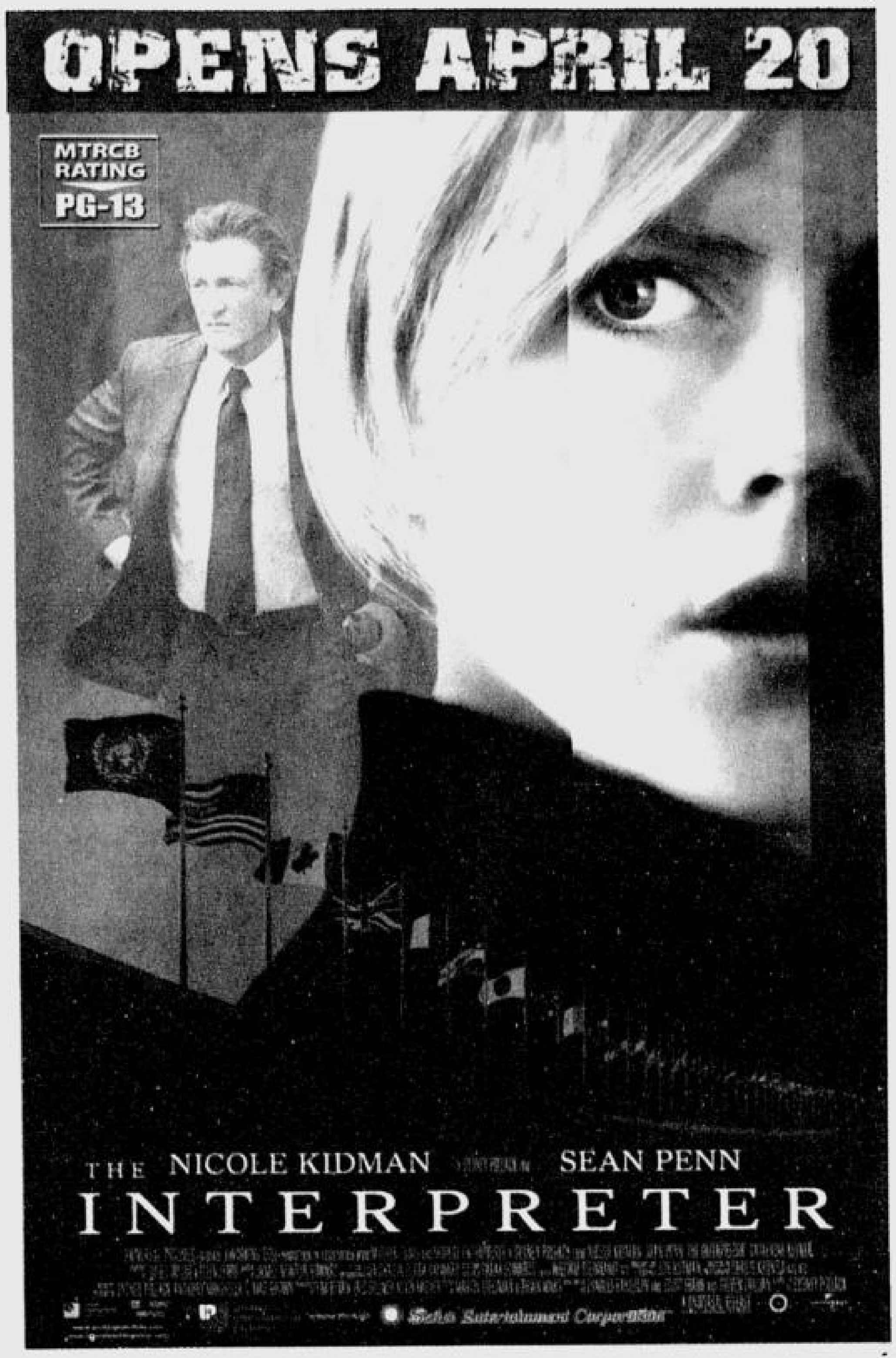

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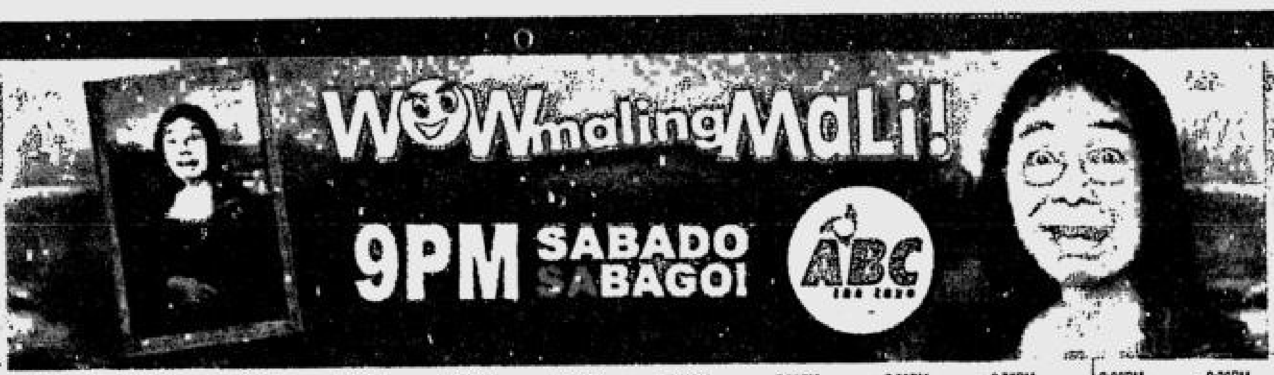

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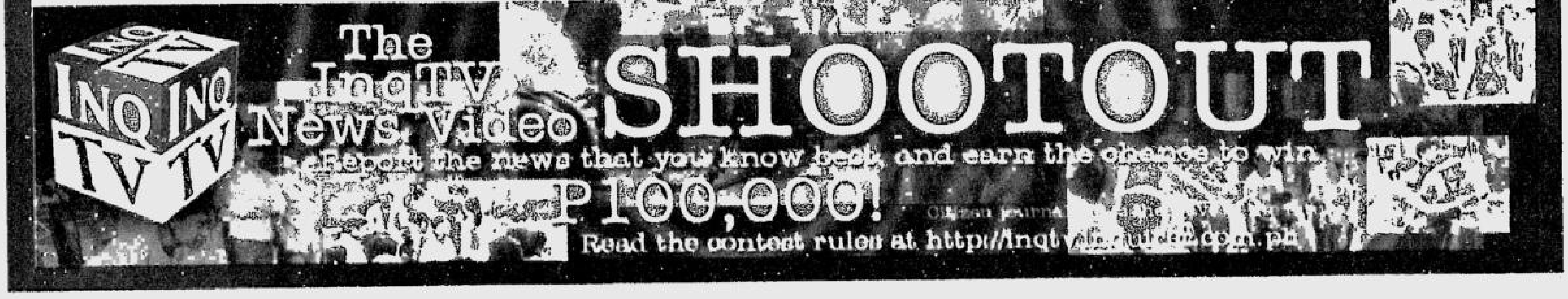

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She wrote, signed and delivered her own first paycheck

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

SHE was her first boss and although she cannot remember how much her first pay was, it was decided, signed and delivered by her.

Rhodora Tactacan-Tumpalan probably beats Imelda Marcos in terms of number of shoes she owns. However, her shoe fetish cannot be termed "Imeldific" because—one, she buys shoes to study them for her business; two, she gives several pairs away on a regular basis.

Doyee owns the controversial First Quadrant, a multi-level marketing firm that was investigated and later cleared by the Department of Trade and Industry.

Although First Quadrant and Doyee landed in the news pages on an unflattering issue initially, her family's history would explain the business she eventually put up.

Doyee is a great-great granddaughter of Don Laureano Guevara or "Kapitan Moy" as he was known—considered the founder of the country's shoe industry in Marikina. The house of Kapitan Moy still stands in Marikina and now houses a museum.

A brief biography of Guevara states that he learned about shoe making from a couple of Chinese in Manila. During the 19th century, wealthy Filipinos wore sandals while the masses wore slippers or wooden clogs (*bakya*).

But Doyee says what happened was her great-great grandfather went to Germany and bought a pair of shoes. When it broke, he pulled it apart to study it and then learned to repair it. That was how he went into the shoe business, tapping the farmers and fishermen during the non-harvest season and even the women.

AS a sixth grader

Ironically, the shoe fiefdom of Don Laureano skipped two generations. It was revived in the Guevara family by Doyee's father, Dolorfino. Doyee's mom, Rhodora, was also a major driving force in going back to the family business as Dolor was already working in the pharmaceutical industry.

FIRST JOB

In the '60s, there were no malls and only a handful of department stores. High fashion ladies shoes then were made to order. Most of the high-end boutiques then were along Taft Avenue. Her father's brand was Le France.

Doyee recalls many celebrities and high society women going to their shop. An actress named Leila Benitez was their endorser and her show would always flash her Le France shoes. Sometimes her father would go to these celebrities' houses to take their orders.

Doyee, the fourth of five girls, says her parents had always exposed them to the business by bringing them to the factory to play and later on do simple tasks. The women workers would be like nannies to them in the factory.

MOM Rhodora, dad Dolorfino, husband Soc and Doyee during a trip to Europe a decade ago.

DOYEE inspects her new line. ROGER CARPIO

DOYEE Tumpalan admits she probably has more shoes than Imelda Marcos but she needs these for work and gives them away regularly. PDI PHOTO

During the '70s most of the boutiques along Taft moved to Makati, some in the former Quad (now Glorietta). Doyee's dad decided to focus on manufacturing. At that time, they were supplying several shoe shops, including Shoemart.

Doyee says she met taipan Henry Sy as a young girl as her parents would take her along when they did sampling for Shoemart. At that time, Sy personally chose the merchandise for SM.

The D. Tactacan shoe factory was set up along Bonficacio Street in Marikina in 1964. It still stands in the same place today. Many of its workers, who number 50, have been with the firm for decades and most of them have relatives who also work in the factory.

When they were a little bigger, Doyee and her sisters would do odd jobs at the factory.

Come high school, they were brought by their parents on buying trips abroad where they were allowed to buy any shoes they wanted with focus on those with styles they thought would sell in the Philippines. These pairs were pulled apart and each part studied well and copied, then assembled again. Only then could the girls wear the shoes.

Doyee says no ceiling was given to their shoe purchases such that she recalls getting a pair for P10,000 20 years ago. Her family would scour both exclusive areas and popular ones for shoes—from Ferragamo boutiques, Lane Crawford and The Landmark in Hong Kong to the Mongkok market.

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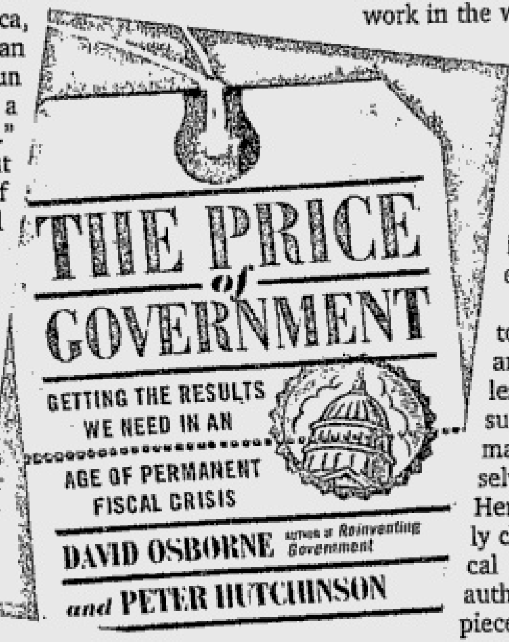
THE PRICE of GOVERNMENT
GETTING THE RESULTS WE NEED IN AN AGE OF PERMANENT FISCAL CRISIS
DAVID OSBORNE author of Reinventing Government
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THE GOVERNMENT is one gargantuan bureaucracy. And it remains such a huge challenge to make it efficient that "government efficiency" has sounded like an oxymoron!

In some elections here and in America, some politicians ran on a platform to "run government like a business enterprise." Ross Perot did, but later dropped out of the US presidential race, and thus kept Americans wondering what a Perot presidency could have done to improve the nation's finances.

Not known to many, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani (more renowned for his "crisis leadership" in the 9/11 aftermath) introduced efficiency in the country's largest city—dramatically solved crime, streamlined the bureaucracy, and improved public service.

Close to home, Lito Osmeña, who once ran Cebu City as mayor, used business principles to transform the Queen City of the South into a bustling metropolis, earning a much deserved name "Ce-boom." Current Quezon City Mayor Sonny Belmonte applied political will to install sound management and fiscal systems may yet reap the fruits of his managerial resolve, but had so far chalked up the achievement of realizing revenues in the billion-peso range.

In the past, even in a graduate business school I attended, a professor once said one cannot compare the performance of government with that of private business—"because they are driven by a different logic." For example, he said, a governor cannot downsize because he must promote employment for his constituents. And realistically speaking, the government cannot compete with the private sector precisely because its costs are higher (translated: it is unavoidably inefficient).

Will citizens now resign to the fact that government, by its very nature, cannot be efficient in the same way businesses are called, not only to be efficient, but to be profitable? Given the mounting deficit piling on the national government and the hidden costs of local government units, shouldn't there be method and strategy to dismount a white huge elephant?

The good news is, there is a book, "The Price of Government," that discusses principle and process that would liberate government from the yearly classic dilemma: How can you deal with a growing deficit, on one hand, and mounting resistance against new taxes, on the other? These and other major issues are confronted by this new book written by David Osborne and Peter Hutchinson.

The authors underscore this predicament thus: "Elected officials are always looking for ways to demonstrate their fiscal prudence while also supporting their favorite programs." Is it possible to have the best of both worlds?

Osborne and Hutchinson want to see the budgeting process based on "desired outcomes"—and not on previous figures. "Last year's numbers are not an entitlement"—or these budget numbers should be challenged.

Actually, more than three decades ago, the zero budgeting process was already at work in the world of private business. Osborne's prescriptions seem to be a take-off from policies and strategies that have already made businesses not only profitable but leading-edge winners.

And yet to apply it to a huge bureaucracy and sharing a wealth of lessons learned and successes scored are remarkable feats by themselves, considering the Herculean task of virtually cleaning up the mythical Augean stables. The authors have written a piece that has both governing principles, details of execution and success stories that will make this book a valuable manual not only for planners and budget chiefs, but more so the state's chief executive or local governors to get real results.

The book would like to see the day when budget officers' job "shifts from padding the base to being essential players in steering the organization toward results."

This book is not only about budgeting, though, tackling "rightsizing," based on the principle of "the right work, the right way with the right staff." It, however, has a word of caution: "If done wrong, downsizing can cripple performance, leading to crises of another sort: failing police departments, rising crime rates, dirtier cities, longer wait for service and deteriorating road, rails and buses."

The book recommends something radical: "You can change almost everything, except the values."

The authors also have a revolutionary thought about government welcoming competition. Citing an example—a water or sewer utility—they point out: "Unless the service is a natural monopoly, the customers purchase the service wherever they choose. If it is a natural monopoly, give it a customer board and regulate its prices."

What about performance bonuses for government officials and employees? The book calls that "gainsharing," a profit-sharing plan for the public sector. This is largely unheard of in government!

The book, 370 pages in all, is a tour de force for authors—and readers like you and me—but there is one supreme benefit from reading it: You come away with a stronger conviction that a government that is efficient, responsive and useful to its "customers"—the citizens—is in the realm of the possible. Its call is compelling, quoting a native American saying: "When you're riding a dead horse, the best strategy is to dismount." Stretching the metaphor, they consider the old budgeting and planning process a "dead horse"—and thus declare an imperative: Find a new horse "then saddle up and ride."

Five journalists plunge into the book business

By Leti Boniol

BOUND Bookshop owners Inday Espina-Varona, Bernadette Sembrano, May Rodriguez and Weng Paraan. MITCH MAURICIO

ON A WING and a prayer. That was the spirit that bound five journalists when they plunged into the business of selling new and read books, says Inday Espina-Varona, editor of the Philippine Graphic.

"We've been talking about it. *Usapang panaginip lang* (dream talk)," she says of the bookshop they call "Bound" that opened March 8 at 105-A Scout Castor St. in Quezon City.

They were just looking for an affordable office for their organization, the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines (NUJP), and suddenly, there was this relatively cheap place. "We all looked at each other, took a deep breath and dived in," Varona says.

Carlos Conde, correspondent of The New York Times and International Herald Tribune and one of the bookshop owners, says he had always dreamed of putting up a bookshop, which would make good business.

"I've heard of stories about independent or small bookstores that are not really doing well. But I think the main reason for that is not that Filipinos don't read," Conde says, citing the explosion of cheap pocket romances and the tremendous sales of the ghost series published by Psicom.

He says new and imported books are expensive, with the latest bestseller costing more than P300. "That's a lot of money even for the Filipino middle-class," he says. On the other hand, second-hand bookshops have been thriving all these years, he observes.

So they decided to combine new and read books, with many of the used ones in mint condition.

May Rodriguez, the group's treasurer and a freelance writer, joined the group because she says, "if you want to try to make money, you might as well do it with things you like to do." The bookshop gives her the chance to pass her books on to people who like them enough to buy them.

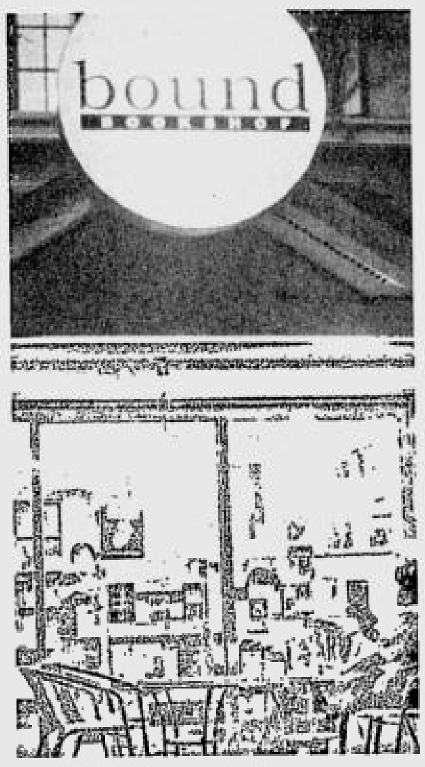
Varona, who has "given up" the most number of books for consignment with the store, says she wanted an excuse to continue with her book-buying sprees. She had to cull her collection because "my sisters were screaming about the lack of space."

She also knew there were people out there who loved books but just could not afford the expensive ones and were too busy to waste hours wading through trash only to get a few good ones.

"We've done that for them," she adds. She reads books from "classics to trash, the sacred and the profane, the thrillers and mystical stuff."

Business model

The store now has more than 1,500 titles, about 65 percent of which are read books, according to Conde. The group does the bargain hunting. "We, and not some clerk, personally select the books that we put on sale. So we actually claim that we have the best collection of read and new books."



THE NEWLY opened Bound Bookshop at 105-A Scout Castor in Quezon City has a good collection of new and read books. MITCH MAURICIO

"I think this business model, if you may call it that, will work because it taps into the Pinoy's tendency to bargain hunt. It will encourage reading, I hope," he says.

Rowena Carranza-Paraan, another co-owner, and editor of the news website bulatlat.com, has no expectations of earning from the bookshop. She says the "profit" she expects from the enterprise is "to have around us hundreds of titles that we can read."

Likewise with Bernadette Sembrano, one of the news anchors at ABS-CBN, and the group's manager. "I didn't put up the bookshop to earn. One gets into something because one loves it, she says. "And quite remarkably, people share the same passion." Sembrano's contribution to the shop are Bo Sanchez books, Kerygma magazines and inspirational CDs.

To sustain the business, the group plans to keep their overhead small.

"We're not hungry for huge profits, so we don't have to have huge markups," says Rodriguez. They have hired one full time staff to handle the day-to-day store transactions. Whenever they are around, each helps guide buyers on what they think is the best choice of read for those who ask their advice.

Part of the proceeds from the little markup that they put into the book prices goes to NUJP's Defense Fund that will help threatened journalists and relatives of slain ones sustain expenses for their search for justice, as well as journalists' training for safety and protection.

Catching fire

Their optimism has caught fire. Conde's e-mail blitz soliciting books both for consignment at the shop and donation for NUJP has resulted in dozens of journalists donating part of their collection for the journalists' guild.

More than 500 titles, generated through "guerrilla marketing" tactics, have so far been donated to NUJP as of the end of their first month of operation, Conde says.

Donations come even from organizations abroad.

"We have found a way to rope in people to share this little dream and it's unbelievable how customers will come up and hug us and thank us for giving them this little place," Varona says.

A few tables have been put up for those who want to read books and drink coffee. They also plan to produce a weekly e-newsletter to inform their clients of their latest collection, and have started constructing a website www.boundbooks.net that will feature their book inventory. The shop is also open for book launchings, photo exhibits, and poetry readings.

They have yet to officially launch the bookshop but at the rate they are going, Bound may soon expand in the malls.

(Those interested in consigning or donating books can call 4117768 or e-mail at info@boundbooks.net.)

She wrote, signed and delivered her own first paycheck

From page B1

After high school at St. Scholastica's in Marikina, Doyee took up Communication Arts at Maryknoll College (now Miriam).

"I didn't want to be involved in the business. There's just too much pressure. I wanted to be on TV," she states.

But the way her parents did it, Doyee was left with no choice. The first graduate was tasked to manage the factory and could only leave when she set up her own. The three elder girls set up their own businesses—all of which were related to shoemaking.

COLLEGE graduation photo

When she finished college at 19, Doyee's turn to manage the firm came. She was immediately its head—so in her first formal job, she was her own boss, signing the check for her own salary.

When she took over, Doyee says she "had no training in shoemaking and business management and some of the workers were over 30 years old but they always respected the children," she says.

The year of exposure her parents gave their children in the business worked well and Doyee instinctively knew what to do.

But it was during Doyee's time that the shoe industry went into a crisis. The influx of China-made shoes killed the shoe industry in Marikina, which was known worldwide in the '80s.

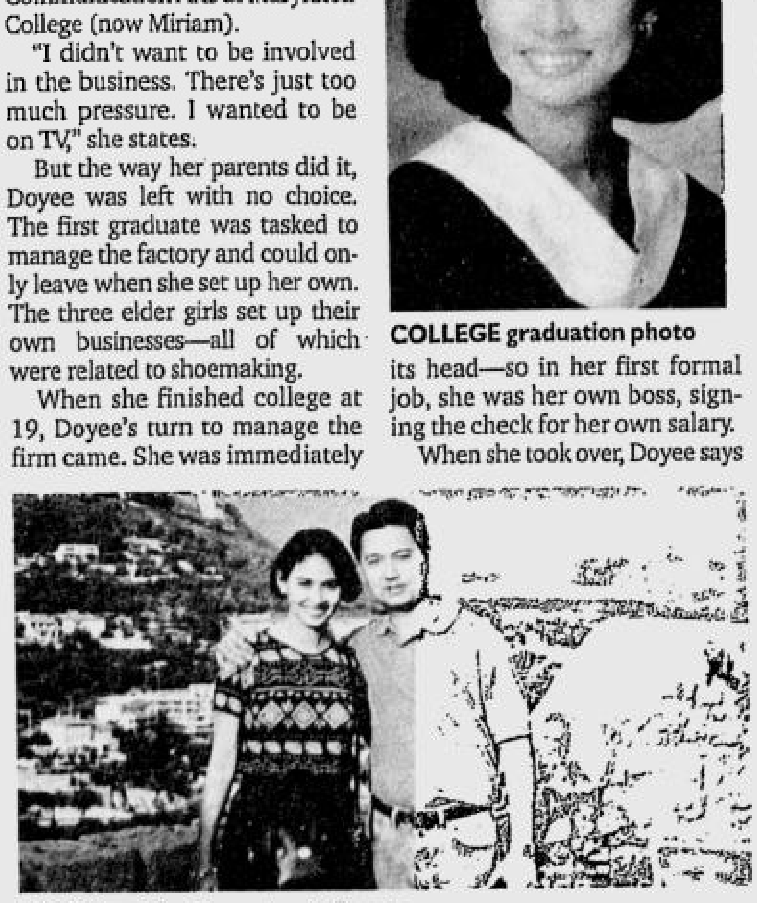
D. Tactacan survived the crisis because of its export market—they were subcontracting for a US brand; and the survival of the local brands they were supplying. "We managed to keep all our employees despite the crisis."

The Tactacans viewed the crisis as an opportunity and decided to buy new machines from Italy, cementing their resolve to focus on high fashion ladies' shoes.

Doyee explains there is a middle market—those who cannot afford the designer label shoes and those who do not want to wear the mass-produced ones.

The crisis and the need to find a niche for Marikina shoes prompted her to set up her own business. She felt there was a need to directly market shoes from Marikina. She set up First Quadrant—the name thought of by her husband, Soc, which he got from the book, "Rich Dad, Poor Dad." In the book, the first quadrant is where the entrepreneur is and where the cash flow is.

Soc used to work for a private firm but she says she "pirated him" when the business began growing.


DOYEE and Soc Tumpalan in Europe

ROGER CARPIO
DOYEE in front of Kapitan Moy's 200-year-old home. Mang Ben (inset) has been with the factory for 52 years since he was 15.

Accusations have been thrown at FQ, which eventually led to the DTI investigation.

However, Doyee claims her business helped revive the shoe industry in Marikina. The shoes she features in her catalogues are all made in Marikina. She features shoes made by D. Tactacan, her own line called "Doyee" which she subcontracts to D. Tactacan, and she also gets shoes from her sister's firm and from friends whose families have been in the shoe business for decades.

Doyee claims she sold over one million pairs of shoes last year—all made in Marikina. This came from FQ centers all over the world like the US, Australia, Italy, Hong Kong and Dubai. Doyee is banking on the patriotism of Filipinos abroad who remember buying only Marikina-made shoes.

Although she has her own business, Doyee cannot graduate from managing the factory because her youngest sister is married to Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Mike Defensor and cannot be involved in the business.

Today Doyee still splurges on shoes. On a two-day trip to Dubai, she says she "only" bought six pairs of shoes.

Recognizing those who make an impact

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"At first, there was no reaction from movie producers and distributors. Maybe they thought we were not serious," says Camaligan.

But by the time July rolled around, the R-18 movie ban was a hot topic. A group of sexy actresses protested in the Senate. Sen. Bong Revilla questioned the move as being too moralistic.

Unfazed, Camaligan presented to Senator Revilla and MTRCB chair Consoliza Laguardia his copy of SM Theaters' controller report. The report, which reflected ticket sales during a review period from September to November 2003, showed that in a given week, R-18 movies in SM grossed only P2,000 to P5,000 a day. On the other hand, movies with a GP or PG rating performed much better.

"This is because, with an R rating, you already limit the number of moviegoers who see the movie. There are a lot of moviegoers under 18. And as I mentioned, people watching R-rated sexy movies expect X-rated content, which we of course do not show," explains Camaligan.

He does anticipate being pressured later on to relent a bit and exhibit selected R-18 movies, such as art films and critically acclaimed, award-winning movies. But for now, he says, the ban stays.

For business reasons, Camaligan says banning R-18 movies was a good move. Ticket sales have increased, he says, because the movies now being shown in SM Theaters are aimed at a general audience, something whole families can watch.

But he did not realize the impact it had on people until the letters started pouring in. Parents, teachers, and even students wrote to commend SM Theaters for its decision not to exhibit especially violent or sexually explicit movies.

"I even got reactions from Hollywood. One letter-writer questioned the move, but another emailed to congratulate me for a bold move," Camaligan shares.

"There is a very good business reason that a move like this has paid off. However, we did not realize it had a major impact on people. I'm proud to have made this decision."

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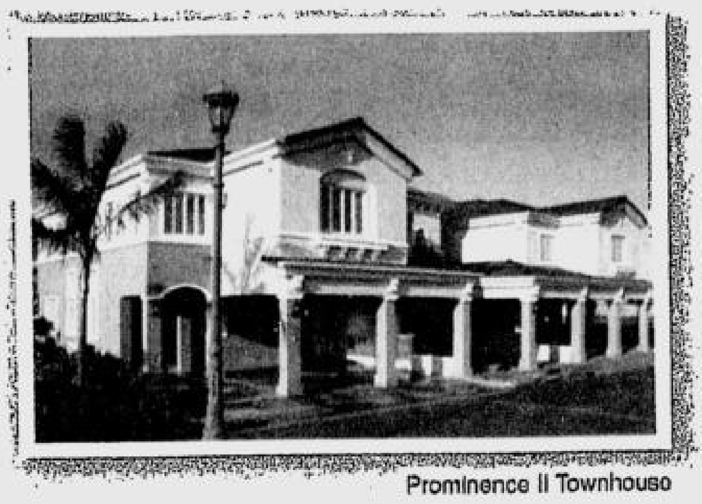

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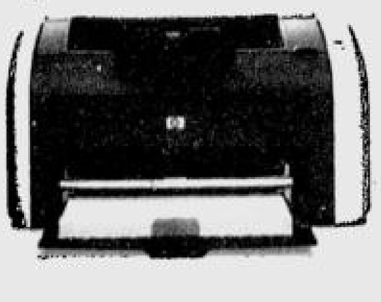

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(MARELCO)
Ihatub, Boac, Marinduque

Qualifications:
- 30-50 YEARS OLD
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(Sgd.) **EDITA S. BUENO**
Administrator

Republic of the Philippines
National Electrification Administration
Quezon City

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FOR
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(BILECO)
Naval, Biliran Province

Qualifications:
- 30-50 YEARS OLD
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- With Master's Degree or Post-Graduate Degree preferred
- Must have at least five (5) years managerial experience in a utility-related business enterprise
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Application forms and additional information may be obtained from the Institutional Development Department, 6th Floor, NEA Building, NIA Road, Diliman, Quezon City. Deadline for submission of application forms is on 18 May 2005.

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Invitation to Submit Expressions of Interest

(Beneficiary Assessment of Participation)

The Philippine Government has received a loan from the World Bank towards the implementation of the Third Elementary Education Project (TEEP), a project of the Department of Education. The Government intends to apply part of the proceeds of the above-mentioned loan, together with GOP counterpart, to payments to a service provider to conduct an evaluation of the School-Based Management (SBM) model now being implemented under TEEP in elementary schools.

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Expressions of Interest and the required information should be received at the above-cited address no later than the close of business day of **April 29, 2005.**

(SGD.) JUAN MIGUEL M. LUZ
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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The U.P. Baguio, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites all interested services/contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder projects:

I. PROJECT: SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION, & COMMISSIONING OF ONE (1) UNIT GENERATOR Location: U.P. Baguio	Description: BRAND NEW 350KVA, 3 PHASE, 230 VOLTS, 4W SILENT TYPE, 8PF 60HZ WITH COMPLETE METERING ACCESSORIES (AMMETER, VOLTMETER & CIRCUIT BREAKERS)	Approved budget for the contract: P 2,000,000.00 Delivery Period: 30 calendar days
II. PROJECT: SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF (150) UNITS FIBERGLASS CLASSROOM CHAIRS Location: College of Science U.P. Baguio	Description: Classroom; powder-coated finish; Fiberglass seat white; Formica-top writing tablet; half-tablet dark-green w/ black rubber T-mould (edging); 3/4" dia or 1/2" dia reinforced tubular steel frame w/ tray & footing, black; Height: 28-1/2"; Length: 27-1/2"; Width: 21-14/"	Approved budget for the contract P 270,000.00 Delivery period: 15 valendar days

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar project within the last two (2) years with an amount of at least 50% of the proposed project for bidding. The Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post Evaluation of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted. All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding conference (s), Evaluation of Bids, Post Qualification and Award of contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR).

The complete schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	Schedule
1. Issuance of Bid Documents (obtained from the SPMO c/o Mr. Jun Muvilla Jr.)	– April 18 & 28, 2005
2. Preparation of bids	– April 28 – May 18, 2005
3. Pre-Bid Conference (9:00 AM, at Chancellor's Conference Rm.)	– May 06, 2005
4. Submission and Opening of Bids (Bids must be received not later than 8:30 AM at the Chancellor's Office: Opening of Bids at 9:00 AM at the Chancellor's Conference Rm.)	– May 19, 2005
5. Bid Evaluation and Post-qualification	– May 19 – 26, 2005
6. Notice of Award	– May 27, 2005

Bid Documents will be available only to eligible bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount of P1,000.00 (for generator) / P300.00 (for fiber glass classroom chair) to the U.P. Baguio Cashier. The UP Baguio reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any required formality and award the contract to the bidder whose proposal is deemed the most advantageous to the University.

(Sgd.) BIENVENIDO C. MARZAN
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DEPARTMENT OF LAND REFORM
Provincial Land Reform Office
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NOTICE OF COVERAGE AND FIELD INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 7 of R.A. 6657, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988, landowners, listed below with their landholdings and location are hereby notified that their landholdings are now covered under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program.

LANDOWNER	LOCATION	TITLE NO.	LOT NO.	AREA	DATE OF OCULAR INSPECTION
1. NAIDCOR	Aurora, Prosperidad	P-6886	3157, Pls-43	9 3680	05-17-2005
2. NAIDCOR	Aurora, Prosperidad	T-4513	3198, Pls-43	8 0915	05-17-2005
3. NAIDCOR	Aurora, Prosperidad	(P-6037) P-4349	3230, Pls-43	9 2007	05-17-2005
4. La Purisima Agricultural Corporation	La Purisima, Prosperidad	P-9817	SWO-10-000165	616.0500	05/18-20/2005
5. Madison Trading	Los Arcos, Prosperidad	P-6366	2164, Pls-43	15 7902	05-23-2005
6. Madison Trading	Los Arcos, Prosperidad	T-6417	3417, Pls-43	14.3297	05-23-2005
7. Madison Trading	Los Arcos, Prosperidad	P-6251	1191, Pls-43	6.2687	05-23-2005
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16. NAIDCOR	Los Arcos, Prosperidad	P-8449	3433, Pls-43	4.2107	05-25-2005
17. NAIDCOR	New Maug, Prosperidad	T-3320	2618, Pls-43	6.3035	05-26-2005
18. NAIDCOR	Salmbogaon, Prosperidad	P-8581	2785, Pls-43	1.0913	05-26-2005
19 Malvar Realty & Dev't. Corporation	Salvacion, Prosperidad	T-6445	4224, Pls-43	10 6856	05-26-2005
20. Malvar Realty & Dev't. Corporation	Salvacion, Prosperidad	T-6446	4225, Pls-43	12 0996	05-26-2005
21. Malvar Realty & Dev't. Corporation	Salvacion, Prosperidad	T-6443	4506, Pls-43	11.5783	05-27-2005
22. Malvar Realty & Dev't. Corporation	Salvacion, Prosperidad	T-6442	3055, Pls-43	4.9507	05-27-2005
23. Malvar Realty & Dev't. Corporation	Salvacion, Prosperidad	T-6444	3056, Pls-43	19 5454	05-27-2005
24. Malvar Realty & Dev't. Corporation	Salvacion, Prosperidad	T-6448	6895, Pls-43	5.8964	05-27-2005
25. Malvar Realty & Dev't. Corporation	Salvacion, Prosperidad	T-6447	3058, Pls-43	1.6775	05-27-2005
26. NAIDCOR	San Salvador, Prosperidad	P-7887	2935, Pls-43	5.0000	05-30-2005
27. NAIDCOR	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7618	3,GSS-1000	9.3002	05-31-2005
28. NAIDCOR	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-9828	135,GSS-1000	5.9417	05-31-2005
29. NAIDCOR	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-9627	134, GSS-1000	6.7099	05-31-2005
30. NAIDCOR	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7677	138, GSS-1000	8 0000	06-01-2005
31. NAIDCOR	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7622	174, GSS-1000	6.9893	06-01-2005
32. NAIDCOR	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7588	175, GSS-1000	9.5902	06-01-2005
33. RB-SF (Marcelino Calpo)	Novele, Rosario	T-2625	131, Pls-67	10.0025	06-02-2005
34. RB-SF (Jose Maria Villann)	Novele Rosario	T-4850	159-A	2.5000	06-02-2005
35. RB-SF (Remedios Nazareno)	Novele, Rosario	T-3902	124-D	1.6718	06-02-2005
36. RB-SF (Emma Nazareno)	Novele, Rosario	T-4069	124-F	1.6718	06-02-2005
37. RB-Alegria (Antonio Nicolas)	Wasian, Rosario	T-4214	218, Pls-67	9.9783	06-03-2005
38. Ernesto Salas	Sta. Cruz, Rosario	T-3138	1366, Pls-67	7.0135	06-03-2005
39. Ernesto Salas	Wasian, Rosario	T-2764	249, Pls-67	9.6657	06-03-2005
TOTAL				923.1454	

In this connection, may we invite the landowners or their authorized representatives to a field investigation to be conducted on the date indicated herein. During the investigation, landholders may choose or pinpoint their retained area in accordance with Section 6 of R.A. 6657, which area should be more or less contiguous. Failure to attend said meeting or to choose retained area will mean that the office is given the discretion to identify the same.

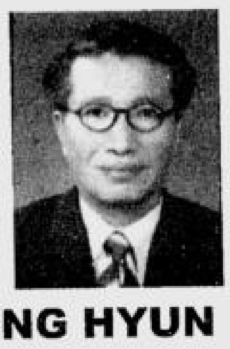
Landowners are also advised to bring Statement of Production and Net Income on the said landholdings to be used as input in the determination of the land value.

Under Executive Order No. 405, dated 14 June 1990, we shall request the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) to determine the land value of the said properties being acquired pursuant to Section 17 of R.A. 6657. As soon as we receive the Memorandum of Valuation from LBP, we shall advise the landowners of the computed land value of the properties.

(Sgd) FE B. MERCADO
Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer II

(PDI–April 10, 17 & 24, 2005)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC



DONG HYUN LEE

A **Bench Warrant** has been issued on March 2, 2005, by the Regional Trial Court of Makati City, Branch 133, for the arrest of the Korean National whose picture and name appears above.

He has been charged for Estafa in the aforesaid court in a case docketed as Criminal Case No. 04-2812.

Any information that could lead to his immediate arrest should be coordinated with the nearest law enforcement authorities or to the office of the private complainant at 897-2466 and look for Atty. Willard Wong.

Bicol University
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
Legazpi City

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID PROCUREMENT OF SECURITY SERVICES FOR BICOL UNIVERSITY – LEGAZPI CITY

The BICOL UNIVERSITY through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites LICENSED private security agencies to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder project:

Name of Project:	Procurement of Security Services for Bicol University-Legazpi City & Satellite Campuses
Approved Budget for the Contract:	Php 3,661,770.00
Contract Duration:	June - December 2005
Posting Period:	June 1, 2005

The Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted. All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference(s), Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R. A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR).

Activities	Schedule
1. Issuance of Bid Documents	April 17 - April 30, 2005
2. Pre-bid Conference	April 20, 2005
3. Opening of Bids	May 2 , 2005
4. Bid Evaluation	May 2 - 6, 2005
5. Post-Qualification	May 10, 2005
6. Notice of Award	May 16, 2005

Bid Documents will be available only to prospective bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount of Three Thousand Six Hundred Pesos (3,600.00) to the BICOL UNIVERSITY Cashier.

The Bicol University assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of their bids.

The BICOL UNIVERSITY reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids, and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

For further information, please call the BU-BAC Secretariat at Tel. No. (052) 821-7958.

Approved by:

(SGD) DR. OFELIA S. VEGA
BAC Chairman

(PDI - April 17, 24, 2005)

ACLT COMPUTING, INC.: PMAP CONFERENCE PRINCIPAL SPONSOR

ACLT Computing, Inc. formalized thru a signing of a Memorandum of Agreement its sponsorship of the Annual Conference (AC) of the Personnel Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP) last 31 March at the PMAP Center in Mandaluyong City. Photo shows (l-r) PMAP Corporate Secretary Bobbie Co-Laguitao, FPM, ACLT Computing, Inc. COO Ma. Fe C. Abanes, PMAP Pres. Lina A. Aseneta, FPM, Treasurer Jimmy M. Isidro, FPM and Executive Director Gerardo A. Plana, FPM, IPMA-CP. The 42nd PMAP Annual Conference, with the theme "Gawa, hindi Dada: Delivering Results thru Purposeful Action," will be held on September 28 to 30, 2005 at the Waterfront Hotel in Lahug, Cebu City.

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ERRATUM

In the advertisement of Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) Invitation for Consultancy Services published April 10, 2005 in this paper.

- 7th paragraph *"Interested consultants may obtain further information from Director Herminia Fe B. San Juan at the address below from 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m."* time should have been ***"from 7:30a.m. to 6:30p.m.***
- last paragraph *"Expression of interest must be delivered to the address below by no later than April 24, 2005"* date should have been "May 3, 2005"

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With a fast speed of up to 14 pages per minute (ppm), SCX-4100 also provides the various digital copying features for the customers who require a lot of copies. It also boasts of an easy operational panel that is extremely and simple to use with its one-touch buttons and clear LCD printing. It also has Samsung's unique software SmarThru4, an application for a powerful scanning and image distribution that enhances your multifunction printing solutions.

Samsung adds the new customer-oriented SCX and SCX 4720F into its Digital Multifunctional Product line-up with upgraded features, offering a range of features for producing professional quality documents.

Featuring Samsung's unique "Push & Save" technology, SCX-4720F series provides exceptional low maintenance cost, making them more ideal for professional small and mid-sized workgroup. Its proprietary one-touch Toner Save button is capable of reducing toner consumption by up to 40 percent at the touch of a button.

And to satisfy various printing, faxing, copying and scanning needs for Soho and Workgroup users, SCX-4720F series provides the fastest and best quality printing and scanning speed in its class up to 20 pages per minute (ppm).

In addition to these, SCX-4720F provides faxing features. With high speed 33.6 Kbps mode, 2 secs. quick scanning, 200 speed dial and 40 one touch dial, SCX-4720F series incorporates a 50 sheet ADF sending and receiving lengthy materials.

Apart from the LMP, Samsung also offers the latest in laser printers with its ML1610 model, another product of the company's ceaseless research and development efforts.

Small and stylish with its minimal and compact design, ML-1610 provides speed of up to 16 pages per minute (ppm), truly giving you a break in your busy office life.

It offers a 150-sheet MP tray and a standard memory of 2MB. The ML1610 is also equipped to manage a full-range of paper types and sizes including envelopes, can stock labels and transparencies, as well as 3" x 5" index cards.

The new ML-2550 is equipped with the advanced features including wired and wireless network connectivity and low operational cost, brings bright news to small and medium-sized business offices which look for better productivity and efficiency.

And to meet customers' variety of needs, Samsung printer adds ML-2550 that includes four different extremely exciting modes, namely, ML-2551N for wired network connectivity needs, ML-2551NP for network connection with PostScriptTM usage, and ML2252W to provide the best wireless network equipment that makes it possible to share with co-workers.

The ML-2550 series incorporates a number of added features to enhance its productivity and reduce costs, resulting in greater reliability and less downtime.

Samsung also unveiled its new Color Laser Printer CLP-510 series that makes color printing in the office faster, easier and more productive than ever before. The new series of printers breaks the cost and other barriers, providing business customers with compelling reasons for printing everyday communications in attractive colors.

SAMSUNG executives: Ikhyun Jung, senior manager Overseas Sales and Marketing Group; vice president for ICT Maeng Dal Bae; Hyun Dae Shin, VP Strategy Marketing Group (Singapore, Philippines, Vietnam); Jimmy Go, president MSI Digiland (distributor for Samsung Printer); Hyuck Jae Shim, president and CEO for Samsung Phils; and Jasmine Min product manager (Philippines, Vietnam).

The company has presented NO-NOIS Technology which brings the noise level to less than 49 dBA - the lowest level among its class. It is also the color laser printer equipped with a built-in free duplex unit for two-sided printing.

The CLP-510 offers a very fast monochrome printing speed of up to 24 ppm for A4 size and competitive color print speed of up to 6 ppm.

Samsung has kept the maintenance costs of mono printing at the same level with monochrome lasers and cost of color printing most competitive in its class. Based on CLP-510's great technology, which was recognized with more than 30 awards from renowned magazines and laboratories, CLP-510 is eager to keep that satisfactory level more than ever.

With the popularity of digital cameras, Samsung has realized the advantage of using direct-print photo labs and the convenience it provides the users.

Samsung now offers consumers an easier and more inexpensive way to produce their own quality digital photos with its latest model in digital photo printers - the SPP-2040.

The product has an updated driver featuring new color tables that allow digital images using all of its colors.

The new SPP 2040 prints instantly with speed at its smallest size of 180 x 136 x 61 mm as compared to other brands in the market. It also offers an option for wireless or PC-less printing and editing the images by simply connecting either your camcorder, camera phone, PDA, or digital camera into it.

At the same time, photo printing with SPP-2040 becomes more fun with its format variation and color features which allow the users to choose from the different print sizes and the 11 color effects of their choices (mono, sepia, antique, vivid, red, green, blue, warmer, coolers, less blue, and less yellow).

With its laser printers and digital laser multifunctional printers selected as the world's best products in 2004, Samsung Electronics has worked ceaselessly with propelling force and unparalleled foresight to reach its status as the global leader of the next generation's printing industry.

Now one of the world's renowned brands, Samsung Electronics, through its Digital Printing Division, proudly landed second place in the laser printer market with market shares of 12.8 percent in 2003, and consolidated that status in 2004. The same year, the company showed significant growth when it topped the LBP and LMFP categories in 9 and in 8 different countries, respectively. It plans to cover more countries this year.

The excellence of Samsung Electronics products has been acknowledged through notable history of awards, namely, Design Innovation IF Design Award in 2000, IDEA Futuristic Design Award for 2 consecutive years, Silver Award for Rail printer (2004), and Gold Award for Circular Printer (2004).

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2 L-3B-3 / LA-112, near ClubHse.	790,000
3. L-5B-3 / LA-112, near ClubHse.	790,000
4. L-7B-3 / LA-122, near ClubHse.	861,000
5 L-1B-1 / LA-142, near ClubHse	1,002,000
6 L-2B-1 / LA-96, near ClubHse.	677,000

CAVITE	MIN BID
7 3-Dr 2-Sty/Res'l Apt /Lot-15-A Rosalia Subd ,Habay. LA-152 FA-206-Nr.SM Bacoor *W/ Lis Pendens	1,541,000
8. L-16 B-1,Ph-1,Mla Southwoods Brgy C Baybay,Carmona/LA-1,224	6,577,000

Orchard Res'l. Estates and Golf & Country Club - Salitran, Dasmarinas, Cavite	
FAIRWAY LOTS	
9. Lot-27 Blk -17 / L A - 828	3,147,000
10. Lot-52 Blk -17 / L A - 1,130	4,294,000
11 Lot-93 Blk -48 / L A - 783	2,976,000
NON - FAIRWAY LOTS	
12. Lot-09 Blk -37 / L A - 672	2,016,000
13. Lot-35 Blk -37 / L A - 687	2,061,000
14. Lot-67 Blk -48 / L A - 506	1,518,000

CAVITE- Naic, Brgy. Palangue	MIN BID
Mango Orchard Res'l. & Farm Estates	
15. Lot-6 Blk -18 / L A - 1,468	1,468,000
16. Lot-5 Blk -19 / L A - 964	964,000
17. Lot-6 Blk.-19 / L A - 1,194	1,194,000
18. Lot-4 Blk -19-A / L A.- 2,953	2,953,000
19. Lot-10 Blk -19-B / L A - 2,245	2,245,000

QUEZON CITY	MIN BID
20 2-Sty. H&L / # 10 Molave Dr-1 Nagkaisang Nayon, N'iches (via Gen Luis & Damong Maliit St) LA-400 / FA-81 * W/ Lis Pendens	1,200,000
21. H&L/# 269 M.Aquino St. Banlat Rd,T Sora LA-120 / FA-191 (Nr. St Anthony Schl & NPC Subd)	1,700,000

MAKATI CITY	MIN BID
22. Condo Unit-2544,4/F,Bldg-25 Guadalupe Mansion,JP Rzl Extn (w/ prkng)Nr MRT-Guadalupe/FA-67 20	1,500,000
Brgy. Singkamas beside Mktl. Coliseum	
23 *L-1 B-23/LA-282,Maskardo St	3,600,000
24. *L-2 B-23/LA-315,Maskardo St * With Existing Case	4,023,000
kingswood Twr.- P. Tamo cor. V. Cruz	
25. Condo -P'hse Unit-P2F,Twr-B 28th & 29th flrs / F A - 154	7,207,200
26 Condo -P'hse Unit-P3F,Twr-B 26th & 27th flrs / F A - 154	7,207,200

PASIG CITY – Ortigas Cntr.	MIN BID
27 Condo -4BR, 5TB, Maid's Rm., Pkng./Unit-2802 AIC Gold Twr Emerald Ave / F A - 187 17 (near Robinsons & Poveda Schl)	6,900,000

MALABON- Brgy. Dampalit	MIN BID
North Merville Park-I Subd. (*w/ occupants)	
28. *L-1 B-14, J.Cancio St/LA-186	150,000
29 *Lot-19 Blk -13-A / L A -168	180,000

MALABON – Hulong Duhat	MIN BID
30 H&L/# 8 Don Basilio Bautista Blvd , L A -886 / F A -847 40	6,200,000

VALENZUELA CITY	MIN BID
Near East Service Rd., Malinta Exit	
31. Lot / Lot-551-A-2-A-3, Pineda Compd. Bonifacio St /LA-1,114	2,241,000
32. 3-Sty Bldg/ Lot-894-A-3,Mariano Laurel Dr Paso De Blas/nr Fortune Vill -4 LA-463/FA-809 *W/ Lis Pendens	5,300,000

CALOOCAN – Gracepark	MIN BID
33 Lot-25 & 26 Blk -31, 2nd St LA-388 60- In bet 3rd & 4th Ave	4,300,000

TARLAC CITY	MIN BID
34. Agro-Indl / Lot-3871-D,Sapang Maragul,Tibag /LA-10,001-near arch	3,315,000

TAGAYTAY CITY	MIN BID
In between Sta. Rosa, Lag. short-cut & Aguinaldo Hway	
35. Lot-6, Tagaytay-Calamba Rd Tolentino-West (over looking Taal Lake) L A –2,156 *W/ Lis Pendens	20,000,000

NUEVA ECIJA - Cab. City	MIN BID
# 529 Pag-Asa, Daan Sarili (near L.T.O.)	
36 Res'l Lot 3-A-6 / LA-1,820 62	400,000
37. Res'l Lot 2-A / LA-2,535 36	1,388,000
38. 2-Storey Residential / Lot-2-G N L A -1,861 9 / F A -138	4,022,000

ANGONO RZL.- via Antipolo	MIN BID
39 L-6 B-2, Mills St, Sta Monica Classic Est.,Ph-3,Mission Hills Brgy Colaique/LA-540 (near Pines City)	2,096,000

SAN MATEO,RIZAL-Bo.Patiis	MIN BID
* No Right Of Way	
40 Lot B-15, Lot Area – 40,171	3,000,000
41 Lot B-16, Lot Area – 40,171	3,000,000
42 Lot B-17, Lot Area – 40,171	3,000,000
43 Lot B-18, Lot Area – 40,171	3,000,000

LAGUNA-Cabuyao, Poblacion	MIN BID
44 2-Sty H&L Unit-1 Bellbart Elsol Villas Thms L A -107 / F A -85 *Near Mcdonalds & Wet Market	1,200,000

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LAGUNA – San Pedro	MIN BID
San Vicente Rd., Villa Milagrosa, Brgy. San Vicente	
45 H&L, L-3 B-8/LA-35/FA-71 05	382,000
46. H&L, L-5 B-9/LA-39/FA-50 05	251,000
47. H&L, L-14 B-9/LA-54/FA-61.97	330,000

ANTIPOLO, RIZAL	MIN BID
48 H&L, L-7 B-3, Valley Golf Dr Valley Golf Subd, Brgy Mayamot LA-1,961 / FA-107 (Nr Ortigas Extn)	5,424,000
49. L-20 B-17, Jerusalem St Ph-5 Brgy Ulian/LA-120 (via Tikling Junction & Melendres Subd)	332,000
50. L-23 B-10, Cottonwood Hts Bayugo / LA-266 (near Sumulong)	2,049,000
51. L-21 B-2, Birchwood St, Cottonwood Hts, Bayugo / LA-355	2,734,000
52. Lot-47 Blk-18,Park Ridge Est Ph -3 (via Valley Golf) LA-811	2,058,000
53. L-17 B-1, Beverly St, Sta Barbara-1 Luxury Est,Mission Hils,Colaique/LA-1,021 (near Pines City)	4,102,000

BULACAN – Plaridel	MIN BID
Brgy. Lalangan - Plaridel Heights	
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56. Corner, Lot-2 Blk-38, LA -411	1,438,500
57 Inner, Lot- 25 Blk-8, LA -350	1,155,000

BULACAN – Sta. Maria	MIN BID
Brgy.Guyong, Sunrays Vill.-beside Delfi	
58 Lot - 5 Blk - 3 / L A - 70	210,000

BULACAN - MALOLOS	MIN BID
59 H&L / Lot 2 & 3 Blk-17,Desta Ave cor. 1st St., Desta Hms. Brgy Atlag LA-515/FA-293 84 (near Sto Cristo Diversion Rd)	3,100,000

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PARANAQUE – San Dionisio	MIN BID
60 Lot-1-B & 1-C / Net LA-9,562 (back of SM & access beside Shell Stn) *W/ Lis Pendens	25,161,000
61. Comm'l Lot w/ Bldgs/ Lot 7-B Angelina Canaynay Ave/ LA-3,066 FA-1,460 (Across Evecom) *Portion is on Lease (Subject to credit approval)	47,000,000

MAKATI CITY	MIN BID
62 Condo 5/F Millenium Plaza Mkti Ave cor Eduque St / FA-261 24	17,765,000

MANILA	MIN BID
63. 2/F KP Twr ,CM Recto Ave cor Juan Luna St / FA-658	28,792,000

QUEZON CITY	MIN BID
64. Comm'l bldg./ Lots 8&9 Blk-S-27 Timog Ave LA-1,380-FA-1,500 Nr Unionbank Br & GMA-7 *On Lease	70,000,000
65 Lot w/ W'hse # 185 Roosevelt Ave, San Francisco Del Monte LA-5,641 / FA-3,454 (Nr Unionbank Br. Del Monte) * Subject to credit approval	140,000,000
66 Lot w/ Warehse / # 138 Gen. Luis cor Pasacola Rd, Nagkaisang Nayon,N'liches / LA-49,504 FA-23,384 (Subject to credit approval)	300,000,000

VALENZUELA CITY	MIN BID
67 Ind'l Lot / Lot-2, 6-A, 4-A & B 3, 6-B-1 & 2, Maysan *No right of way* Net LA-12,516 (via Viongco St)	8,003,000
68. Warehse / Lot-13 Templanza St., Don Pedro Vill., Marulas L A - 2,540 / F A - 3,314 (Near Savory Restaurant)	20,232,000
69. Ind'l. Lot w/ 2 W'hses (14&16) Barracks, Canteen,Guardhse Lot-1075-D-1-C, Plastic City # 6 T Santiago St, Canumay-West LA-9,923 / FA-7,096	39,703,000
70. Ind'l Lot w/ W'hse, # 47 Maysan Rd.(nr Maysan Elem Schl) LA-7,871 FA-7,040 (Subject to credit approval)	40,702,000
71. Ind'l Lot w/ Bldgs / Lot-382-C Plastic City Housing,Canumay L A -25,798 / F A -5,310 (Via T. Santiago & Pinagbayanan Sts) (Subject to credit approval)	45,000,000

TAGUIG - Global City Fort Boni.	MIN BID
(Infront of Adidas Sports Camp)	
72. Lot-3 Blk.-18 / L A - 1,643 (Subject to credit approval)	164,300,000

TARLAC CITY – Town Proper	MIN BID
73 Lot-4-C, Rizal St. / L A -759	8,093,000
74 Lot-4-B,Rizal cor Panganiban Sts / L A - 1,102	11,752,000

NUEVA ECIJA - Cab. City	MIN BID
# 529 Pag-Asa, Daan Sarili (near L.T.O.)	
75 Agri Lot /Lot-3-B/NLA-37,041	2,366,000
76 Comml Lot w/ W'hse & Offc Lot-2-H/NLA-2,260 6 / FA-580	5,098,000

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77 Agri Lot w/ resl H&L,W'hse & Piggery/Lot-6181-A-5-A-1-A-1-I Psd 4A-001202, Bo Sampaloc TLA-101,038 65 / TFA-9,277 -near bridge (Subject to credit approval)	45,053,000

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Minimum Bid Price P 225,000.00

Lot 4–Res'l./Agri. Lot LA 9,855 sqm
Lot4707 National Rd., Tallungan, Aparri
Minimum Bid Price P 4,447,036.00

Lot 5 – Res'l. Lot LA 6,203 sqm
Lot2449-C-2 Maharlika Highway, Dacal La Fugu, Camalaniugan
Minimum Bid Price P 3,503,530.00

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Lot 6–Res'l/Comm'l Lots w/Imprvmnt
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Lot 7 - Res'l Lot LA 2,000 sqm
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Minimum Bid Price P 382,500.00

Lot 8 - Res'l. Lot w/ Imprvmnt
LA 1,366sqm, FA 240sqm
Lot21271 Nat'l. Highway, Gayong-gayong, Cordon
Minimum Bid Price P 1,285,564.00

Lot 9-Res'l/Comm'l Lot w/Imprvmnt
LA 1,402sqm, FA 276sqm
Lot548-A&B Turingan cor Bachelor Sts, Dubinan East, Santiago City
Minimum Bid Price P 5,608,000.00

Lot 10 - Res'l. Lot LA 800 sqm
Lot3559-L-10 Baquirin St, Purok 2, Patul, Santiago City
Minimum Bid Price P 300,000.00

Lot 11 - Res'l. Lot w/ Imprvmnt
LA 1,341 sqm Lot1328-A Ramirez cor Daderal Sts, Brgy Rizal,SantiagoCity
Minimum Bid Price P 1,475,100.00

Lot 12 – Res'l. Lot w/ Imprvmnt
LA 739sqm, FA 71sqm
Lot798-H-2 Provincial Rd, Purok 4, Brgy Baluarte, Santiago City
Minimum Bid Price P 546,860.00

Lot 13 – Res'l. Lot LA 2,941 sqm
Lot376-E Padua St, Dubinan West, Santiago City
Minimum Bid Price P 1,999,880.00

Lot 14 – Res'l. Lot LA 300 sqm
Brgy. Road. Plandel, Santiago City
Minimum Bid Price P 210,000.00

Lot 15 – Res'l Lots LA 432 sqm
L172-D-4-E&O Buenavista, SantiagoCity
Minimum Bid Price P 205,600.00

Lot 16 – Res'l. Lot LA 3,176 sqm
Lot280-D Mabini & Arellano Ext., Dubinan East, Santiago City
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Lot 17 –Res'l/ Industrial Lot w/ Imprvmnt
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Lot 18-Res'l. Lots w/ Imprvmnt
LA 1,200sqm, FA 110sqm
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Lot 19 - Res'l. Lot LA 500 sqm
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Lot 20 – Res'l Lot LA 638 sqm
L5637-B-8 National Road, Ipil, Echague
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Lot 21-Res'l/Comm'l Lot w/ Imprvmnt
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Lot12-A Brgy. Poblacion, San Antonio, Alicia
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Lot 22 – Res'l. Lot LA 3,605 sqm
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LA 2,899sqm, FA 545.70sqm
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Lot 25 - Res'l. Lot LA 9,029 sqm
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Lot 28 - Res'l. Lot LA 357 sqm
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Minimum Bid Price P 357,000.00

Lot 29–Res'l/Comm'l Lot w/Imprvmnt
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Lot 31 – Res'l. Lot LA 630 sqm
Brgy San Fermin, Cauayan City
Minimum Bid Price P 504,000.00

Lot 32 – Agri. Lot w/ Imprvmnt
LA 10,000sqm, FA 960sqm
Lot2-A Tagaran, Cauayan City
Minimum Bid Price P 750,000.00

Lot 33–Res'l/Comm'l Lot w/Imprvmnt
LA 5,000sqm, FA 150sqm
LotA-2 Maharlika Highway, Tagaran, Cauayan City (near GSIS Bldg.)
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Lots4-O&N Brgy. Paraiso, Cabaruan, Cauayan City
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Lot 38 – Res'l. Lot LA 924 sqm
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Lot 39 – Res'l. Lot w/ Imprvmnt
LA 745sqm, FA 350sqm
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Lot 40-Res'l/Comm'l Lot LA6,557sqm
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Lot 42 - Res'l/Comm'l. Lot w/ Imprvmnt
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Lot 46–Res'l/Comm'l. Lot LA 689sqm
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Lot6-A Brgy. Magsaysay, Naguilian
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LA 510 sqm, FA 162.50 sqm
Lot4543-C-1 National Rd., Brgy. Magsaysay, Naguilian
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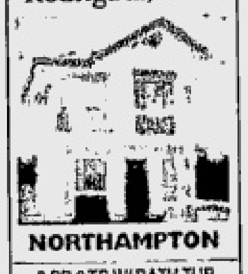

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Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late VIRGILIO LEMI HAFALIA was extrajudicially settled among his heirs and entered in the Notarial Register of Notary Public Atty. Almel S. Mangandog under Doc. No. 119; Page No. 24; Book No. IX; Series of 2005. (PDI-April 17, 24 & May 1, 2005)

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After the Requiem Mass and Necrological Services at the House of Representatives, his remains will be brought to Arlington Chapel, C. Raymundo Avenue, Pasig City.

Interment will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at the Pasig Municipal Cemetery (Barracks), C. Raymundo Avenue, Caniogan, Pasig City, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Sta. Clara de Montefalco Church, C. Raymundo Avenue, Caniogan, Pasig City.

We request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

MESSAGE OF THANKS

We, the family of the late

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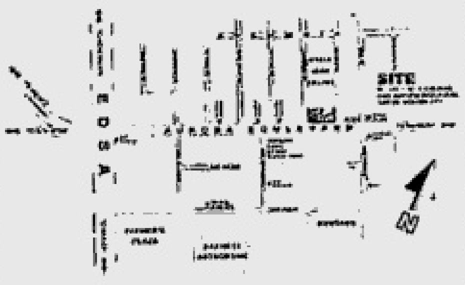

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His bereaved wife **LUCING**; children **Junvie & Jett**, **Jojo & Doris**, **Popoy & Vicky** and **Atlas**; grandchildren **Gabriel Thomas & Thea Rafaelle** and **Daniel Luis & Maria Yvonne**; brother **Pepe**, cousins, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Arlington Chapels, 12 G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on the 19th of April 2005 at the Heritage Park, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila after the 12 o'clock Mass at the Arlington Chapels.

Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

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wish to express our heartfelt gratitude
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condoled with and comforted us
in our hour of bereavement.

"...absent from the body to be present with the Lord."
2 Corinthians 5:8

HENRY PADUA LANOT

of Rosario, Pasig City

CONGRESSMAN (1998 - 2004)
CITY COUNCILOR (1992 - 1998)
PROSECUTOR (1988 - 1992)

Peacefully joined his Creator
on Wednesday, 13th of April 2005 at the age of 55.

His beloved wife, **Zenaida**; children **Henry II (Ken)**, **Christian**, **Henry IV (Fourth)** and **Angelique** and his daughter-in-law **Rhoda**; and grandchildren **Allany & Althea**; mother **Marina**; brothers and sisters, nephews and nieces, brothers- and sisters-in-law, request fervent prayers and special petitions for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Greenland Village, Rosario, Pasig City and will be transferred to Arlington Memorial at Caniogan, Pasig City on April 18, 2005.

Interment will take place on Tuesday, 19 April 2005 following the 9:00 am Holy Mass to be officiated by his Eminence Bishop Francisco San Diego at Sta. Clara Montefalco Parish, Caniogan, Pasig City.

ESTRELLA B. SINENSE

of Estancia, Iloilo

Peacefully joined her Creator on 14 April 2005
at the age of 98.

Estring has peacefully joined her beloved husband **Ansing** (†) and son **Ray** (†). Her children **Alice**, **Ed** and **Cecile**, **Sr. Mary Suzanne, rgs**, **Rolly**, and **Bingbing**; grandchildren **Tommy**, **Kathy** and **Jojo**, **Raul**, **Chinky** and **Stephen**, **Dindo**, **Ginny**, **Glenda**, and **Maussie**; great grandchildren **Simone**, **Sienna**, **Nikolai** and **Pacey**; relatives and friends, request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the family residence in Estancia, Iloilo.

Interment will be on Tuesday, 19 April 2005 at the Estancia Cemetery after the 3:00 p.m. Holy Mass at the Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Estancia, Iloilo.

Recognizing those who make an impact

A COMPANY'S responsibility does not end with itself. For a company to truly grow, it must reach out to society, be it in the form of livelihood programs or disaster relief operations.

Recently, the Association of Marketing Educators (AME) recognized SM Theaters, the country's largest chain of movie theaters, for making a tremendous impact on the entertainment and business communities and the general public in an unprecedented way: SM banned all movies rated R-18 from its premises.

For this bold move, AME conferred upon SM the very first Sensei Award during the recently concluded 15th National Marketing Educators Convention. The Sensei Award recognizes companies that use their strength for the good of society.

"SM's move was risky on their part but they took the risk because they want to show people that it can be done. The Sensei Award is symbolized by a diamond-shaped trophy because a diamond is supposed to last forever. Translated, it is hoped that their noble efforts would create a ripple effect on other businesses as well, benefiting the society eventually," explains AME president Josiah Go.

Founded in 1988, AME is the umbrella organization of marketing educators in the Philippines. It counts among its members such educators and Agora awardees as Leonardo Garcia of De La Salle University-College of St. Benilde, Ned Roberto of the Asian Institute of Management, and Josiah Go of De La Salle University.

SM Theaters vice president Ricardo Camaligan recalls getting a lot of comments from mallgoers—mostly parents—regarding posters of R-18 movies that were displayed in cinema lobbies.

"Parents were concerned because their kids see the posters, and because other people who have seen those movies talk about them inside the mall and the kids hear them," Camaligan relates.

Though management was concerned, Camaligan admits that SM could not stop showing R-18 movies based only on those complaints. SM could not guarantee that R-18 movies would be exhibited in smaller theaters in the far end of the cinemas, especially if these movies were popular.

But around the end of 2003, Camaligan noticed that R-18 movies were losing ground.

"I got to appreciate the performance of the movies in the Metro Manila Film Festival that year. The strongest movies were the ones for kids," Camaligan shares.

Moreover, he personally observed what was going on inside the theaters showing R-18 movies, and he came to a conclusion:

"People complained that the racy scenes in these movies were *bitin*. They were very rowdy, they would vandalize seats. I think people who watch sexy R-18 movies are really looking for X-rated movies."

He observed that the disappointed moviegoers would discourage people lining up at the ticket booth from watching the movies. This, he said, could be one of the factors that led to poor ticket sales of R-18 movies.

And local movies were not the only ones affected. "Even English R-18 movies did not earn a lot of money. Perhaps moviegoers were tired of seeing R-18 movies."

Camaligan then took the opportunity to study the performance of R-18 movies in light of poor ticket sales and parents' complaints. And in early 2004, he announced that SM Theaters would stop exhibiting all movies rated R-18 effective July 1 of that year.

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Finding Nemo and other stuff scuba kids learn

Take it from this father of sons—there is more to diving than just learning how to breathe under the sea

MIGS and Beej Jimenez ready to dive

By Butch Jimenez
Contributor

THERE are many lessons I hope to teach my three boys, Migs, Beej and Joaquin. I want them to develop a spirit of adventure, a heart that's unafraid to take risks, and a love for our environment and our country. So how do you teach kids all this and still make learning fun? Take them underwater!

Scuba diving has come a long way since I first got certified in the '70s. Today, with the advent of new technology, computers and more sophisticated equipment, this extreme sport has become safer, more enjoyable and more accessible to all ages. So when certification courses were opened up to kids aged 10 and up, I figured it was time for Miguel and Beej to get hooked.

The first question I'm always asked by non-divers is, "Is it safe?" The answer is that it's probably as safe as crossing a busy street. It may be a huge risk for a kid to cross a busy intersection alone, but with a parent or an expert, well, crossing the street is a breeze. Same goes for diving. There are rules that govern diving for kids which raise the level of safety and lessens the risks. Kids aren't allowed to dive too deep. The type of sites they can explore are limited. And, most importantly, they must dive together with a dive master and preferably with a parent.

Simple and fun

Step one is to get your kids to love swimming. Migs and Beej hit the water before they turned two years old. So they love to swim and love the beach. From there, luring them to the underwater world becomes easier.

Scuba diving junior certification lessons are a combination of classroom, pool and actual diving sessions. In my time (over 20 years ago), the sessions were so strict and tedious. Today, dive instructors have made learning simple and fun. Oh yeah, just a practical tip: Don't make them watch movies like "Jaws," "Anaconda" or "Open Water."

The big thrill for my boys happens when they back-roll into the open water and enter another world. Of course they have mixed feelings of fear and excitement, but that's what you want your kids to learn: To be excited about exploring the unknown and simultaneously conquer their fear. But 10 minutes into the dive, when they start breathing underwater and see marine and coral life right before their eyes, you'll be surprised at how fast kids adapt and become attuned to their new environment.

One of our first adventures when we dove together was to find "Nemo." After a few minutes of exploring, we saw a live sea anemone. And just like in the movie, Nemo's family was there. We were fortunate to find a friendly "Nemo" who played with my kids, went near them, darted away, went near again and, eventually, let them touch him.

Life lessons

Underwater, a kid is taught how to look

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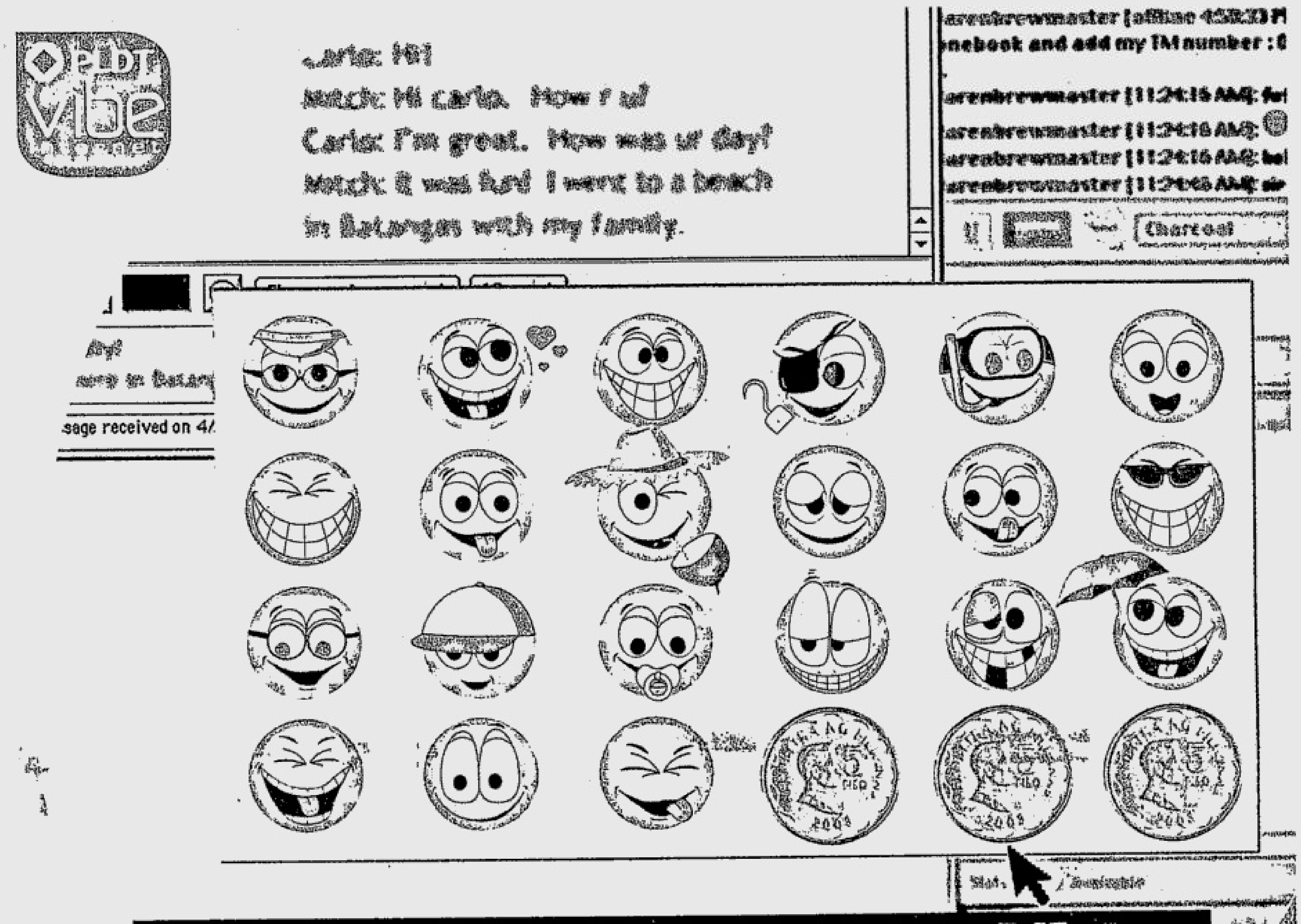
MIGS fixes his gear before a dive.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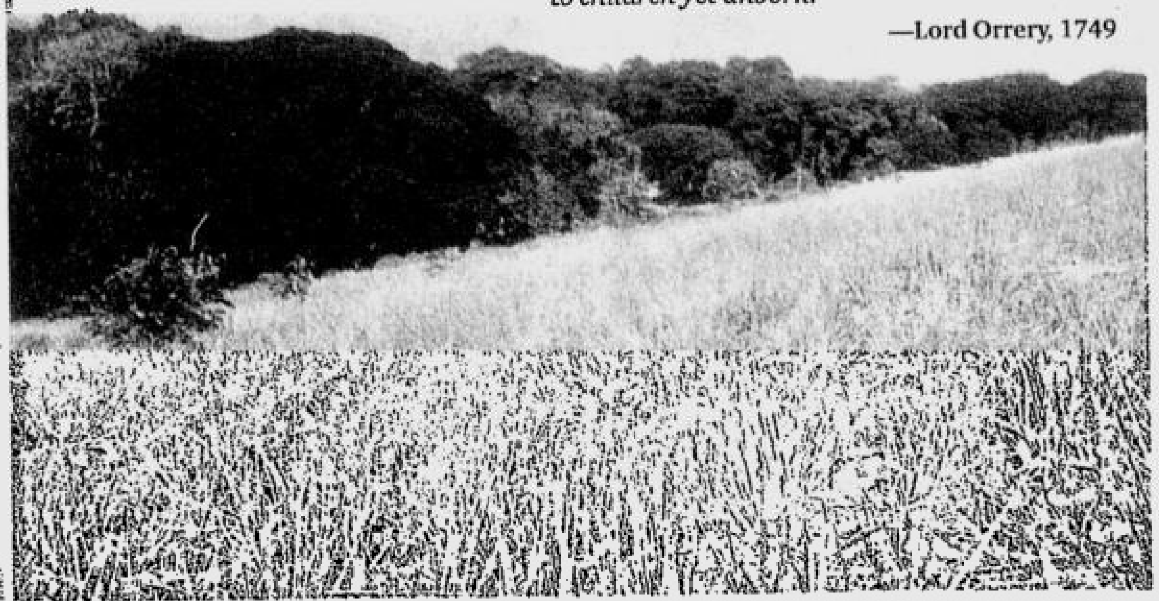
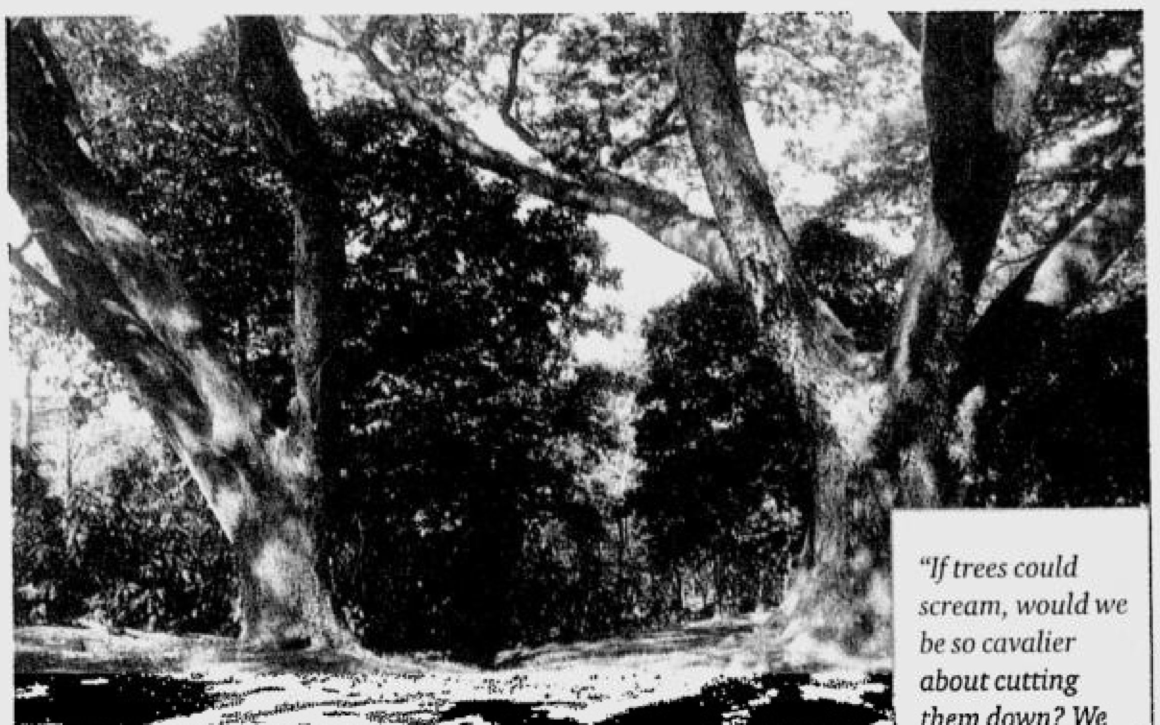


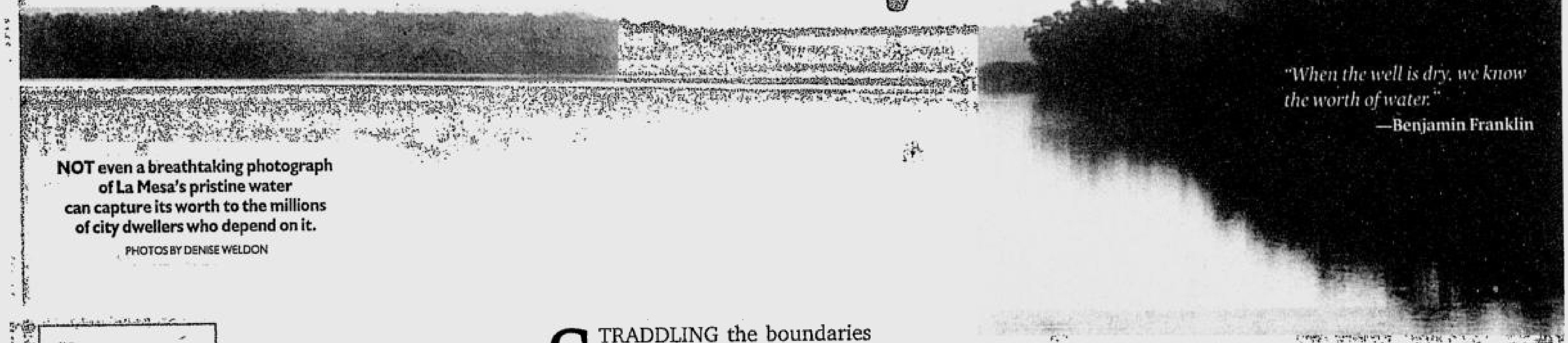
THE FOREST beckons from the winding road leading to the Eco Park, and we wonder how we can allow future generations to miss nature's wondrous legacy.



OF THE 1,450 hectares of denuded areas in La Mesa, 1,200 hectares have been reforested over the past five years, with an average survival rate of 92.5 percent.

"If trees could scream, would we be so cavalier about cutting them down? We might, if they screamed all the time, for no good reason."
—Jack Handey

Emerald pocket in the heart of the city

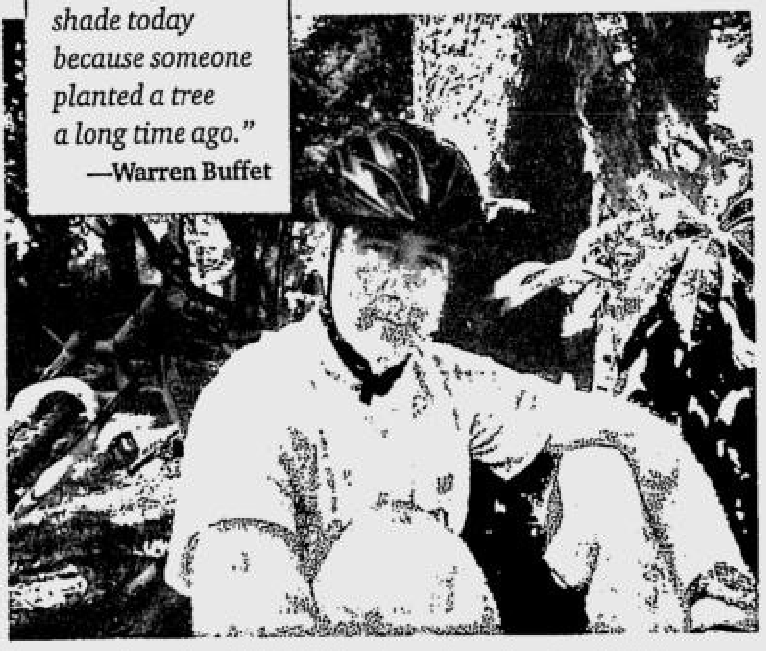


"When the well is dry, we know the worth of water."
—Benjamin Franklin

NOT even a breathtaking photograph of La Mesa's pristine water can capture its worth to the millions of city dwellers who depend on it.

PHOTOS BY DENISE WELDON

"Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago."
—Warren Buffet



WARNER Manning, HSBC CEO, takes a breather from training for tree-a-thlon, to raise funds for reforestation efforts at La Mesa. There are over 15,000 volunteers like him.

STRADDLING the boundaries of Quezon City, Caloocan City, the municipality of Montalban and the provinces of Bulacan and Rizal, La Mesa watershed is the last forest of its size in the metropolis, and cradles the reservoir which brings water to five cities and 32 municipalities in Metro Manila.

Adjacent to the watershed, where over 1,200 hectares have already been reforested, is La Mesa Eco Park, a 33-hectare nature park which promises to be a refreshing recreational alternative for families.

"This is a gift to the Filipino family. La Mesa is a special place for our children to appreciate the beauty of nature and discover for themselves why it is so important to care for it," says Gina Lopez, managing director of the ABS-CBN Foundation, whose environmental arm, Bantay Kalikasan, is leading the development of the Eco Park and the reforestation of the watershed in La Mesa.

The park is now open to the public with facilities such as a saltwater swimming pool, picnic areas, a boating lagoon and an orchidarium. Soon, visitors will enjoy botanical and butterfly gardens, fishing areas, a wetland bird exhibit and an interactive eco lab and museum.

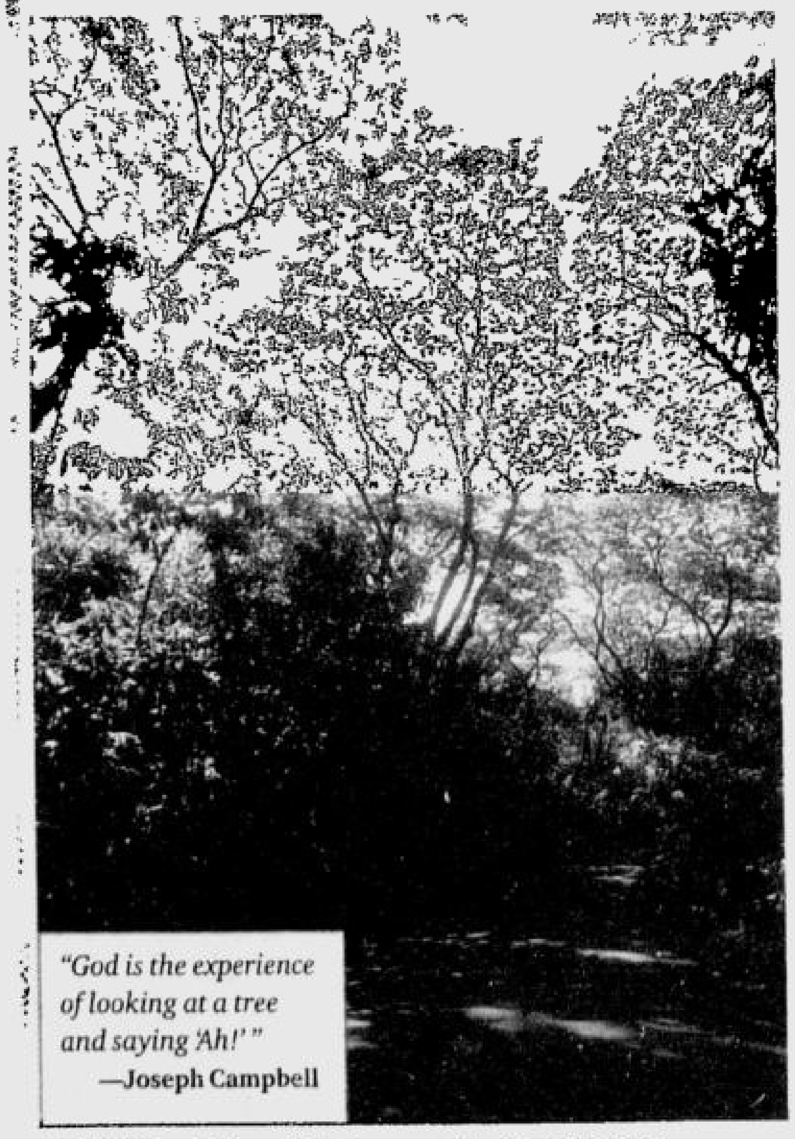
Partners like HSBC, which globally supports environmental programs that promote conservation and education, are active supporters of this cause.

CEO Warner Manning recently took his personal fundraising challenge to La Mesa as he attempted to explore the forest, running 10 km and biking 20 km, in exchange for pledges that will go to planting more trees at La Mesa, where 250 hectares remain denuded. His recent "tree-a-thlon" has raised over P800,000 from staff, friends and business colleagues, half of which will benefit reforestation efforts in the watershed.

"As keepers of the earth, we have the power to bring the green back into our lives. I visited La Mesa many times preparing for my tree-a-thlon and it is an experience I wish for many Filipino children and families," Manning said.

It takes only P250 to plant a tree at La Mesa. Or you can adopt a hectare for only P85,000. Call 4109670 or 4152227 to make a pledge or donation.

Visit and enjoy La Mesa Eco Park every day from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Entrance is P40.



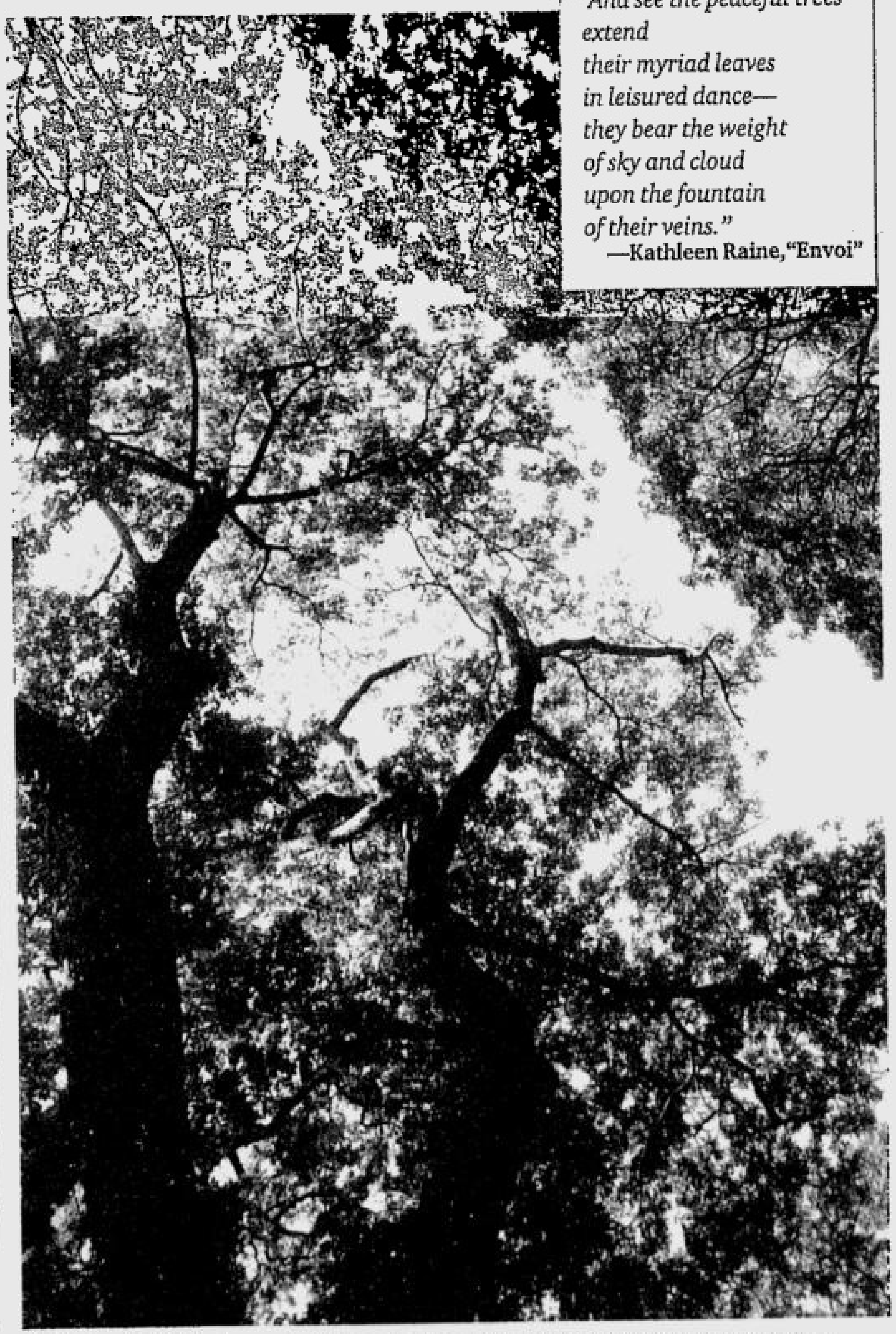
"God is the experience of looking at a tree and saying 'Ah!'"
—Joseph Campbell

WALKING or biking amid lush greens at La Mesa Eco Park can be a much relaxing, and yes, religious experience.

"Where flowers bloom, so does hope."
—Lady Bird Johnson

WITH the help of partners and volunteers, La Mesa grows its own seedlings. Approximately 120,000 seedlings of endemic species a year are raised in the nursery, a sign of long-term viability and potential.

"And see the peaceful trees
extend
their myriad leaves
in leisured dance—
they bear the weight
of sky and cloud
upon the fountain
of their veins."
—Kathleen Raine, "Envoi"



THERE are 72 Philippine endemic tree species planted in La Mesa watershed, including *banaba*, *betis*, *kamagong*, *dao*, *guijo*, *ipil*, *kupang*, *molave*, *narra*, *nato*, *supa* and *lauan*.

Canine club hopes to beat dog walk world record

PCCI's dog walk promotes responsible pet ownership.

THE PHILIPPINE Canine Club Incorporated (PCCI) is about to set a a new dog walk world record with its ambitious cause-oriented project, "Luv Ko Si Bantay."

This is the bold assessment of PCCI president lawyer Byron San Pedro, who says the event plans to gather a number that would eclipse the 5,000 dog walk record in the Guinness Book of World Records.

San Pedro says PCCI originally scheduled to stage the bold and ambitious project last March 20, but the board decided to grant the request of eight canine clubs from Dumaguete, Albay, Tacloban, Olongapo, Cotabato, Baguio, Cagayan de Oro and Southern Mindanao to move it to Sunday, May 8, for them to be able to join.

The addition of these clubs have upped the expected number of dog walk participants to 7,850, well past the standing world record made by Europeans last year.

PCCI/Metro Manila and the Laguna Kennel Club share the biggest number of 1,000 entries, followed by Baguio, Batangas, Bohol, Bulacan, Cagayan de Oro, Southern Mindanao, General Santos, Iloilo, Cebu, Pangasinan, La Union, Pampanga, Negros, Tarlac, Dumaguete, Tacloban, Olongapo, Zamboanga and Quezon with 300 each. Albay has 100 and Bukidnon, 50.

In order, the assembly-registration point of the said clubs are as follows: Raja Soliman Park Roxas Blvd. Manila, San Pablo City Hall, Session Road, Batangas Sports Complex, Plaza Rizal, Capitol Grounds, Amphitheater/Corrales National Highway, Magsaysay Park, Oval Plaza, Robinson's Mall, Kawit Ministry of Tourism, Plaza A.B. Fernandez, La Union High School, Metro Clark Parade Ground, Capitol Lagoon, Tarlac Plaza, Olongapo Mall and Perez Park.

Albay has Baywalk Pier, while Bukidnon, Dumaguete and Tacloban have yet to announce their assembly-registration points.

The participating agencies and clubs of the dog walk are the Department of Agriculture-BAI, Philippine Animal Welfare Society, Animal Kingdom Foundation, Boy Scouts of the Philippines, National Pitbull Terrier Club, Inc., Philippine Pitbull Club, American Pitbull Club and United Pitbull Club.

This project was conceptualized "as a form of advocacy for responsible pet ownership and for an enlightened legislation, regulation and law enforcement affecting our dogs in particular, specifically zeroing in on our condemnation of the dog meat trade," says San Pedro.

"Anyone with dogs, purebred or mongrels, are welcome to join the dog walk event," he adds.

San Pedro has also initiated PCCI veterinary medicine scholarship grants to qualified members at the University of the Philippines Los Banos, Laguna.

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Facilitated by Ilustrador ng Kabataan

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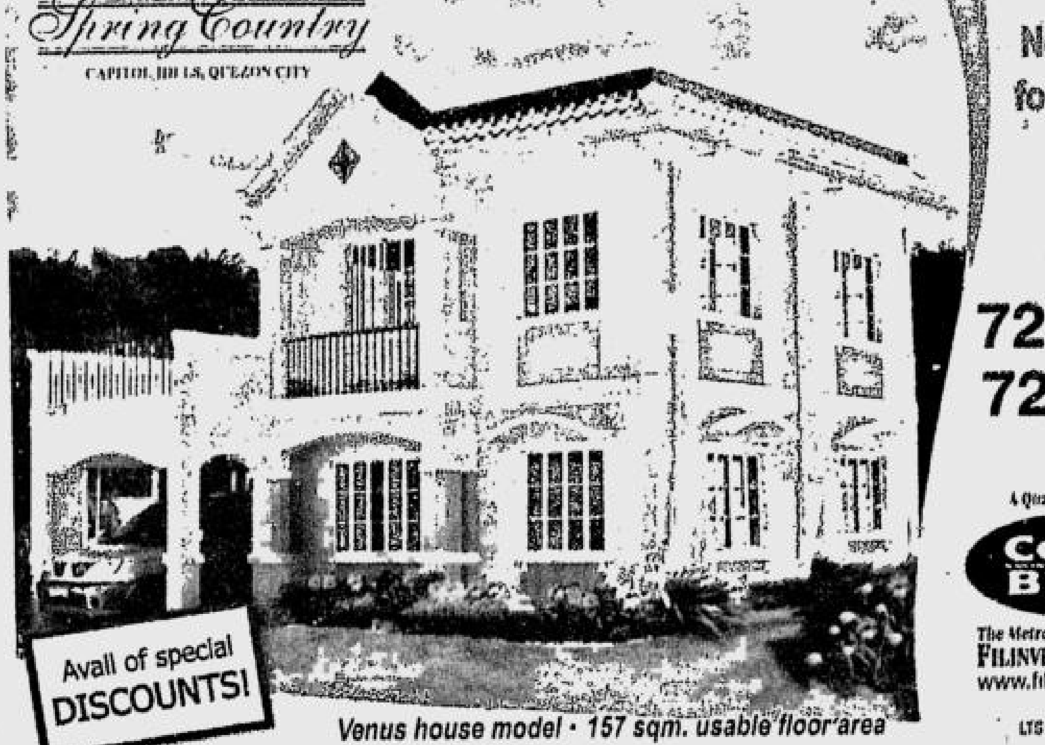

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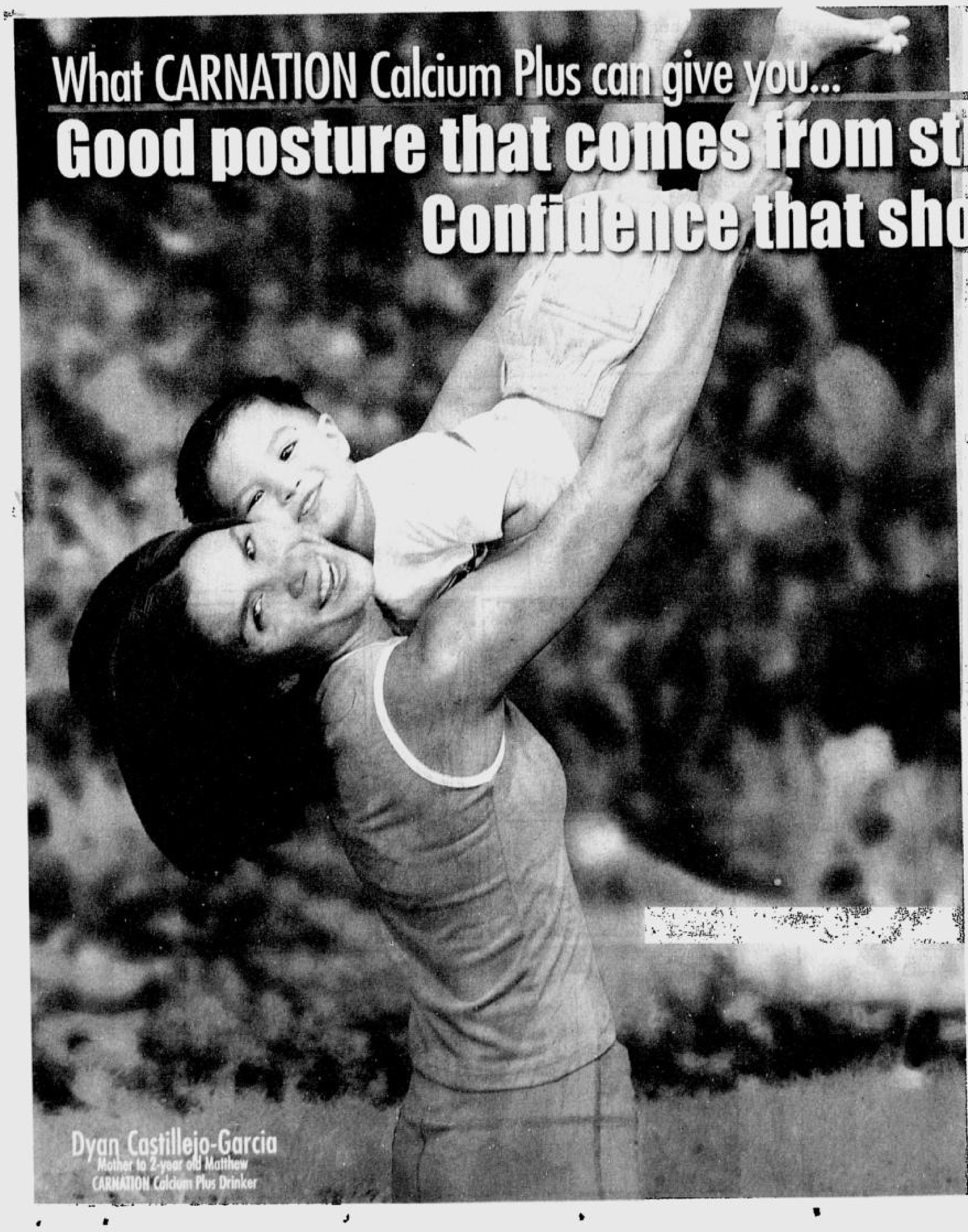

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BY ROBERT WONG

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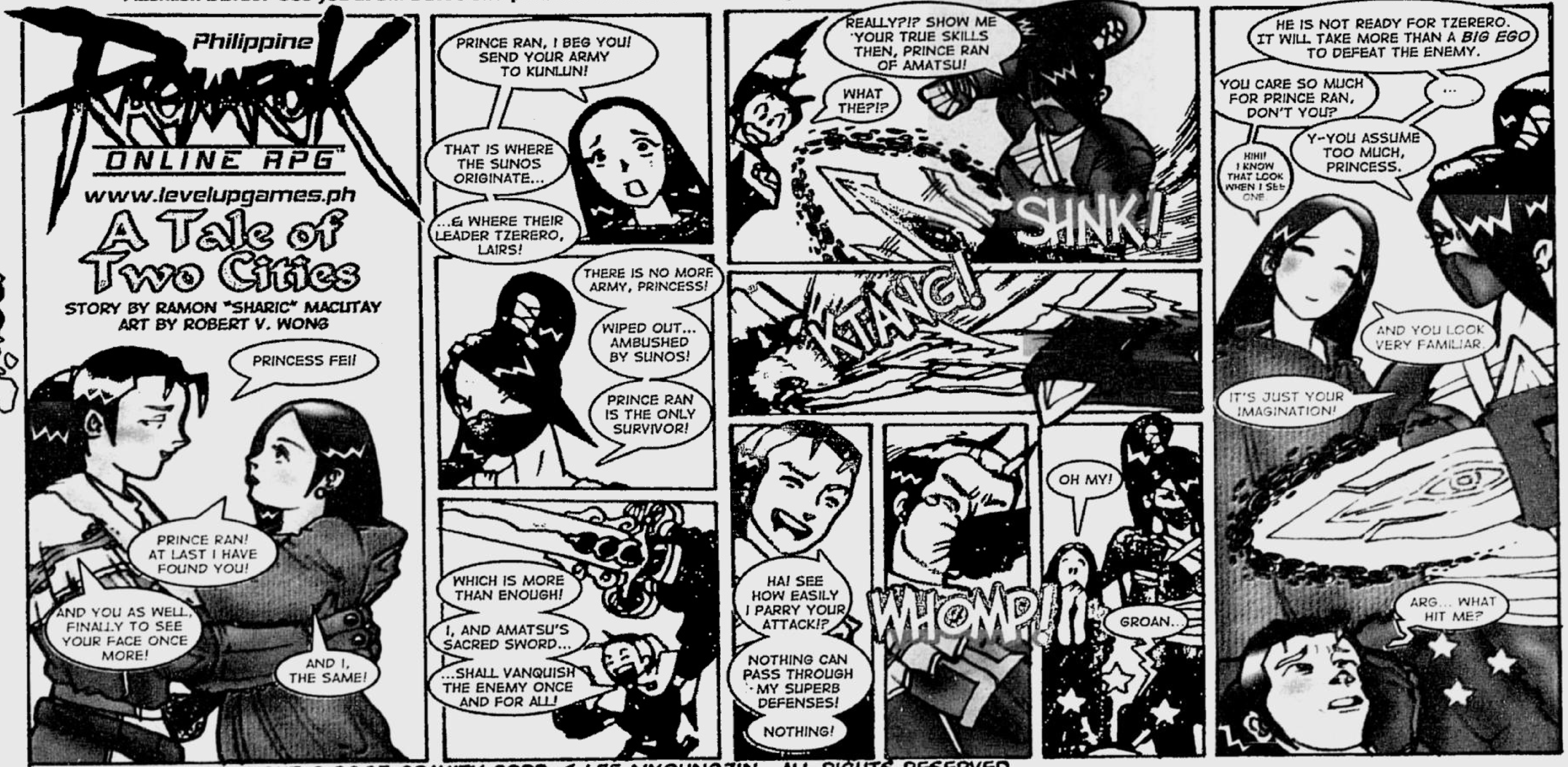
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A Tale of Two Cities
STORY BY RAMON "SHARIC" MACUTAY
ART BY ROBERT V. WONG
PRINCESS FEI!
PRINCE RAN! AT LAST I HAVE FOUND YOU!
AND YOU AS WELL, FINALLY TO SEE YOUR FACE ONCE MORE!
AND I, THE SAME!
PRINCE RAN, I BEG YOU! SEND YOUR ARMY TO KUNLUN!
THAT IS WHERE THE SUNOS ORIGINATE...
...& WHERE THEIR LEADER TZERERO, LAIRS!
THERE IS NO MORE ARMY, PRINCESS!
WIPED OUT... AMBUSHED BY SUNOS!
PRINCE RAN IS THE ONLY SURVIVOR!
WHICH IS MORE THAN ENOUGH!
I, AND AMATSU'S SACRED SWORD...
...SHALL VANQUISH THE ENEMY ONCE AND FOR ALL!
REALLY?!? SHOW ME YOUR TRUE SKILLS THEN, PRINCE RAN OF AMATSU!
WHAT THE?!?
SHNK!
KTANG!
HA! SEE HOW EASILY I PARRY YOUR ATTACK!?
NOTHING CAN PASS THROUGH MY SUPERB DEFENSES!
NOTHING!
WHOMP!
OH MY!
GROAN...
HE IS NOT READY FOR TZERERO. IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN A BIG EGO TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY.
YOU CARE SO MUCH FOR PRINCE RAN, DON'T YOU?
...
HIHI! I KNOW THAT LOOK WHEN I SEE ONE
Y-YOU ASSUME TOO MUCH, PRINCESS.
AND YOU LOOK VERY FAMILIAR.
IT'S JUST YOUR IMAGINATION!
ARG... WHAT HIT ME?

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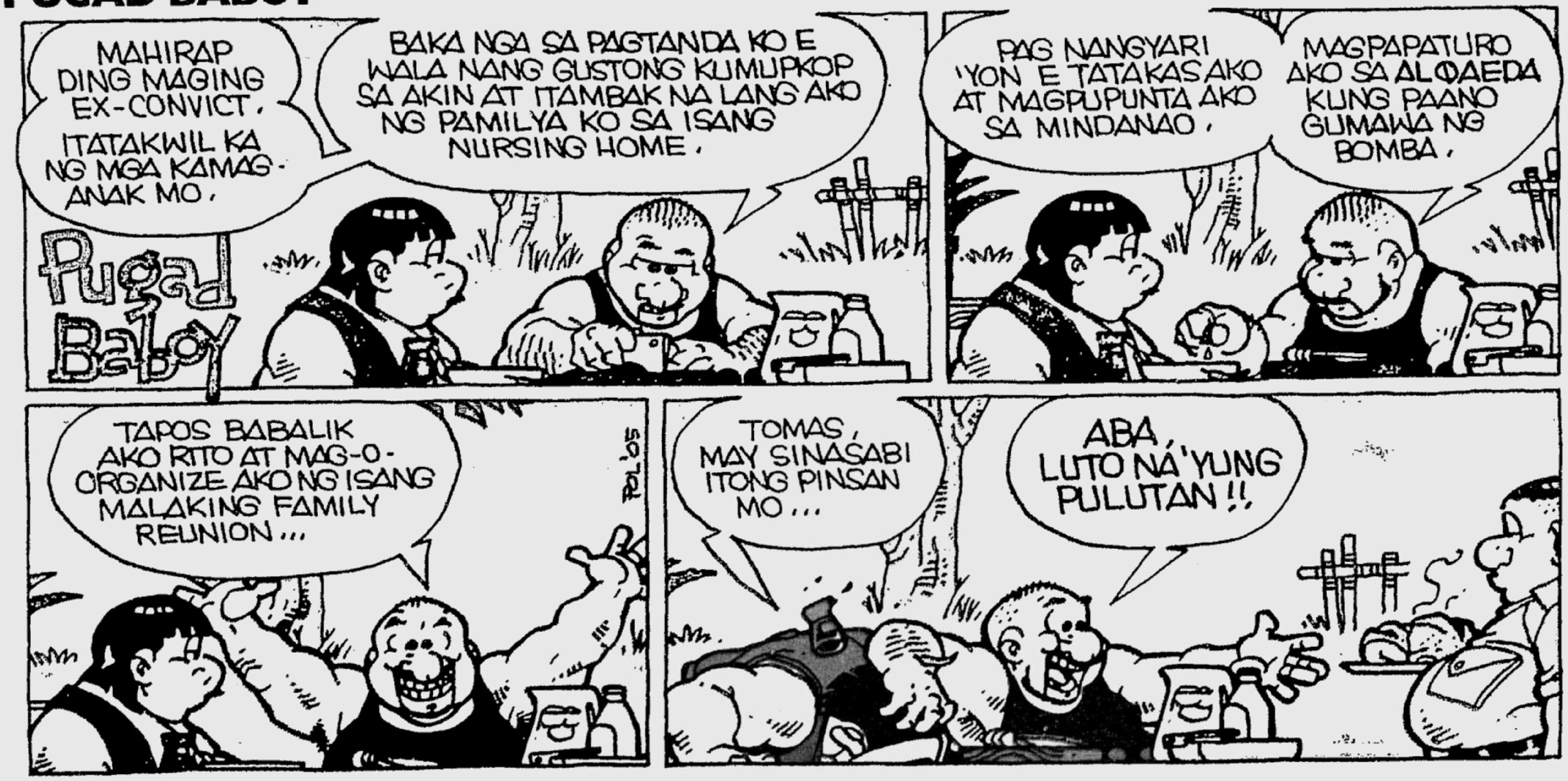
PUGAD BABOY

BY POL MEDINA JR.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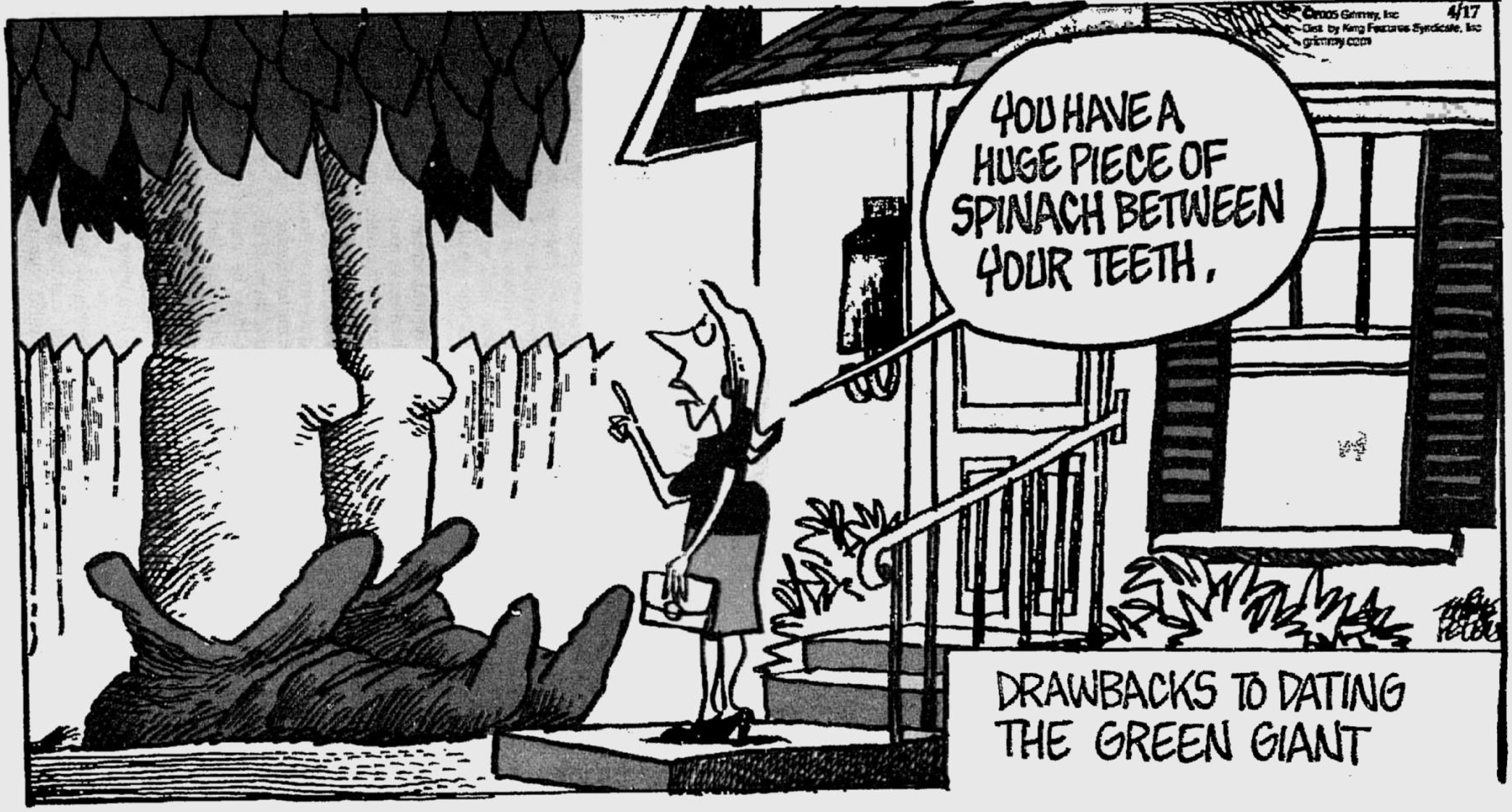
MAGPAPATURO AKO SA ALQAEDA KUNG PAANO GUMAWA NG BOMBA.
TAPOS BABALIK AKO RITO AT MAG-O-ORGANIZE AKO NG ISANG MALAKING FAMILY REUNION...
POL 05
TOMAS, MAY SINASABI ITONG PINSAN MO...
ABA, LUTO NA 'YUNG PULUTAN!!

C. FOLLOW THE FOLD TO GET TO MIDGARD

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS


YOU HAVE A HUGE PIECE OF SPINACH BETWEEN YOUR TEETH.
DRAWBACKS TO DATING THE GREEN GIANT
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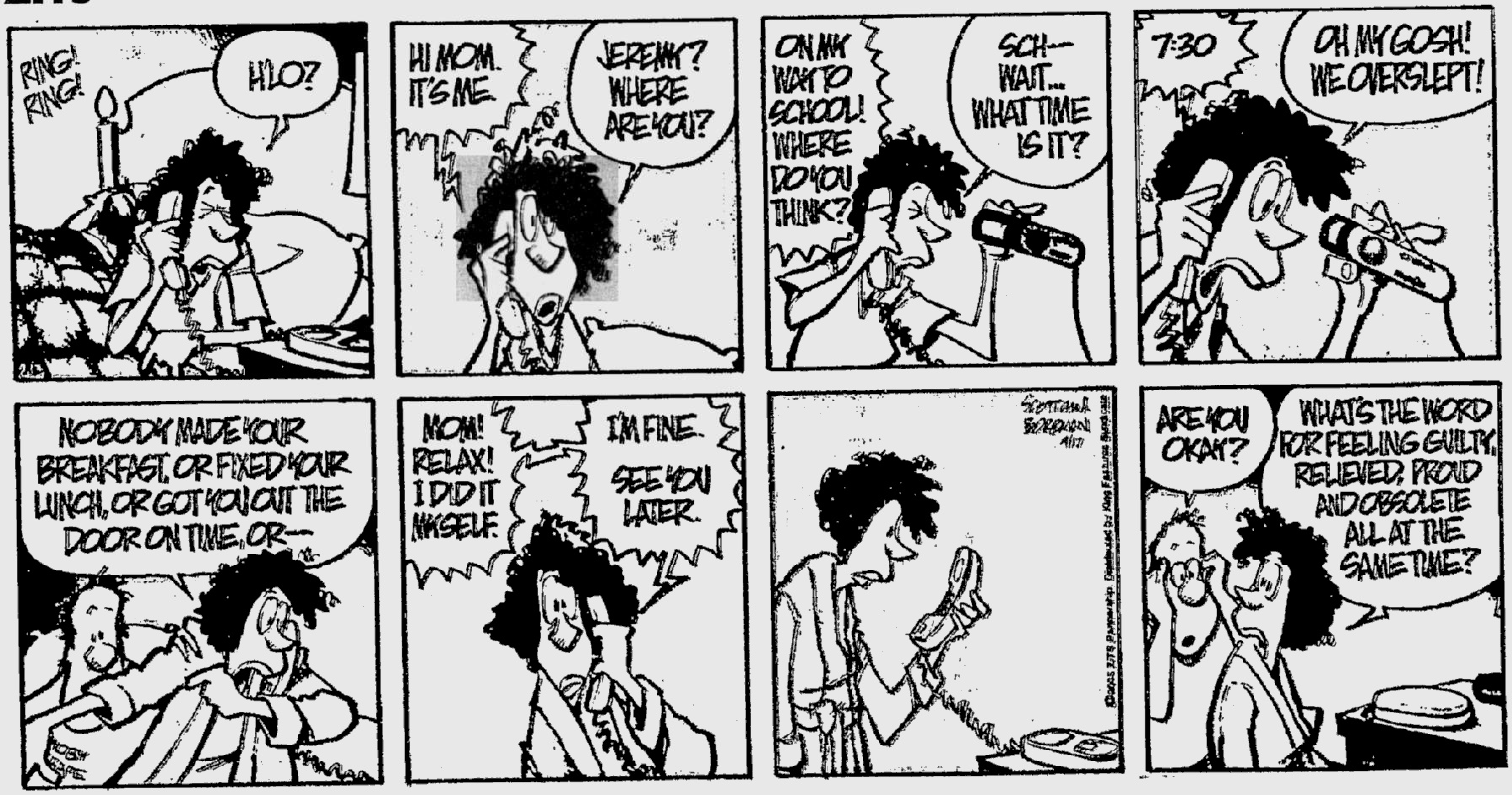
RING! RING!
H'LO?
HI MOM. IT'S ME.
JEREMY? WHERE ARE YOU?
ON MY WAY TO SCHOOL! WHERE DO YOU THINK?
SCH— WAIT... WHAT TIME IS IT?
7:30
OH MY GOSH! WE OVERSLEPT!
NOBODY MADE YOUR BREAKFAST, OR FIXED YOUR LUNCH, OR GOT YOU OUT THE DOOR ON TIME, OR—
MOM! RELAX! I DID IT MYSELF.
I'M FINE.
SEE YOU LATER.
SCOTT and BORGMAN 4/17
ARE YOU OKAY?
WHAT'S THE WORD FOR FEELING GUILTY, RELIEVED, PROUD AND OBSOLETE ALL AT THE SAME TIME?

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INDAY WANDA

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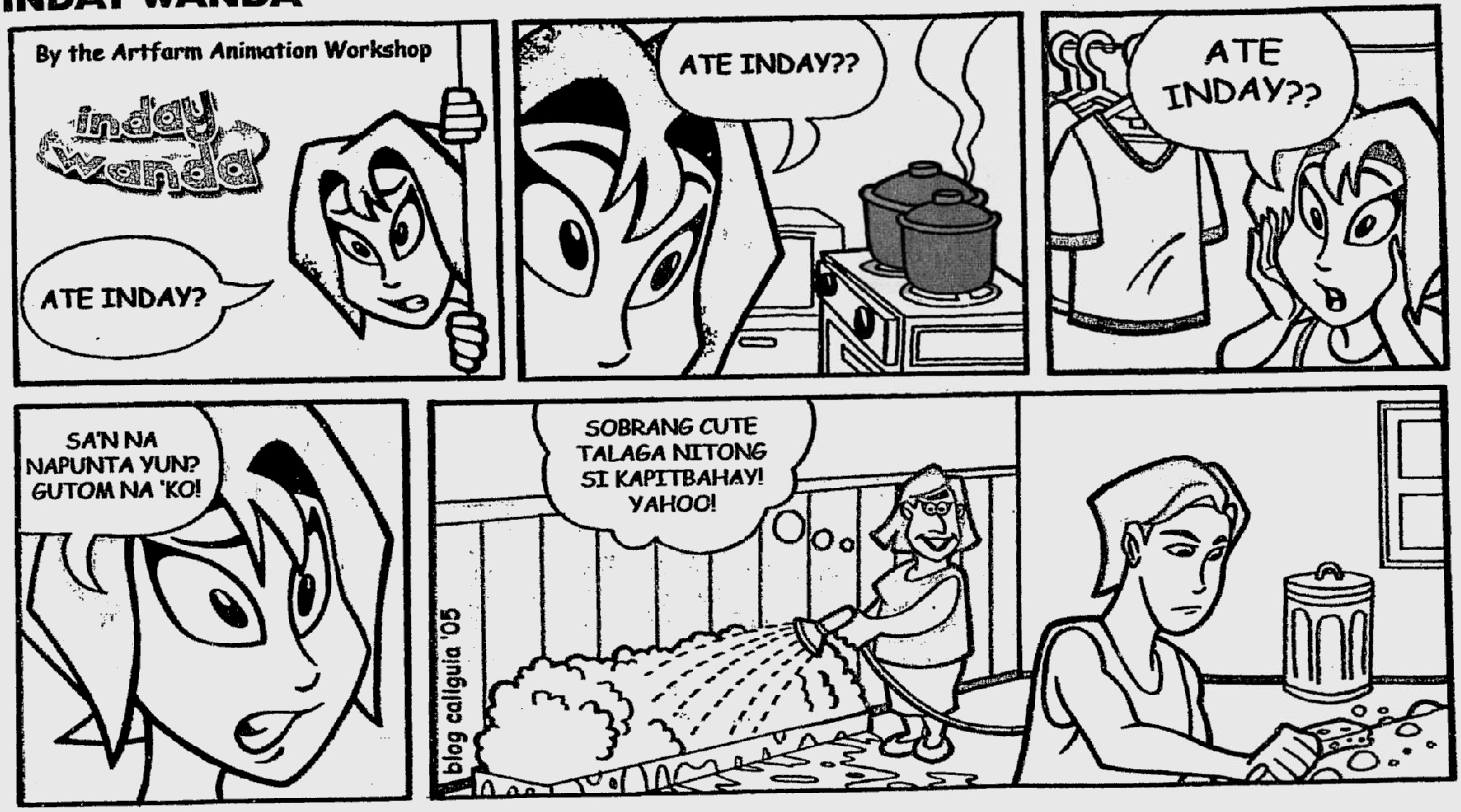
By the Artfarm Animation Workshop
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ATE INDAY?
ATE INDAY??
ATE INDAY??
SA'N NA NAPUNTA YUN? GUTOM NA 'KO!
SOBRANG CUTE TALAGA NITONG SI KAPITBAHAY! YAHOO!
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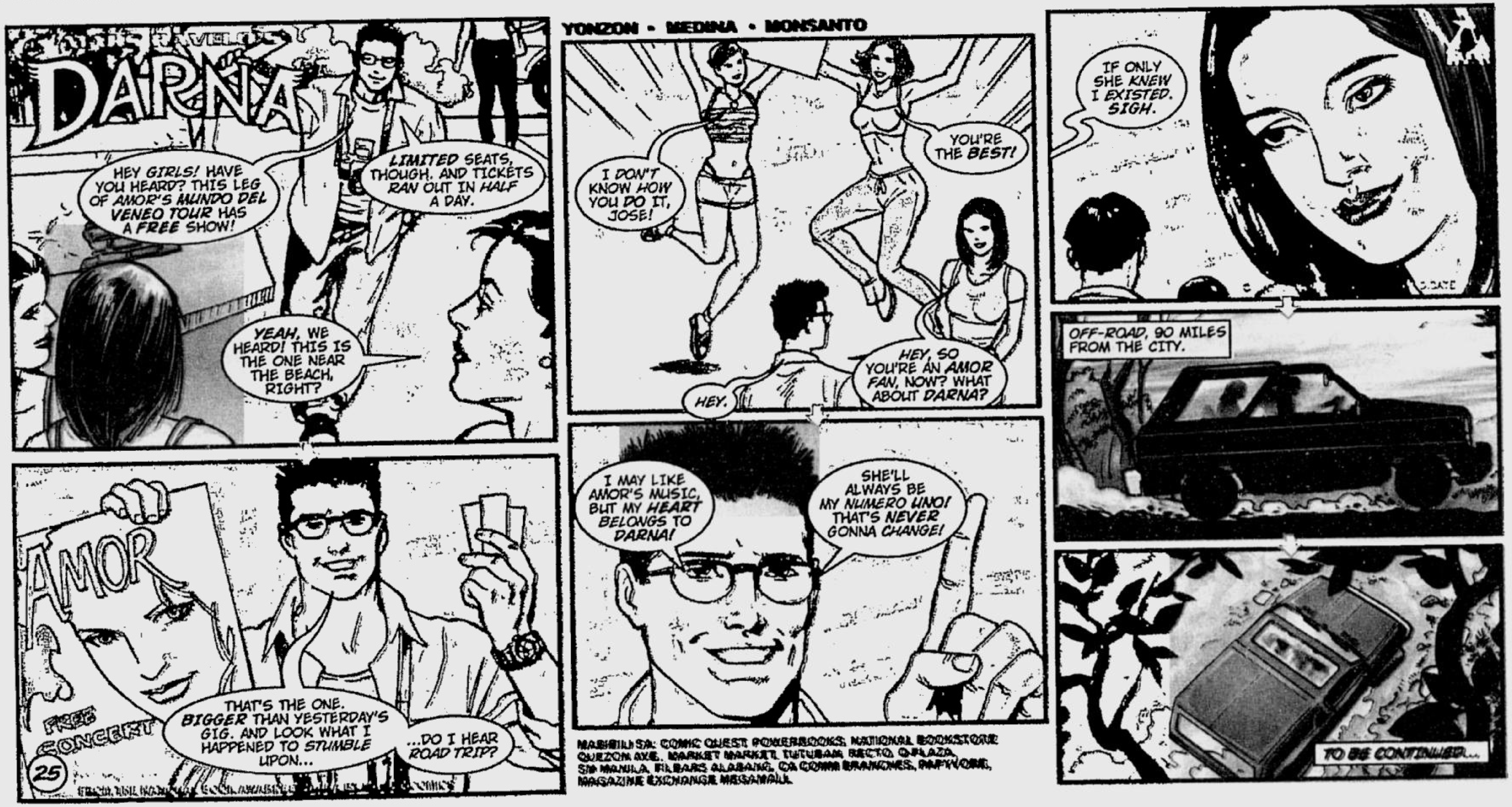
DARNA

BY MANGO COMICS


DARNA
YONZON • MEDINA • MONSANTO
HEY GIRLS! HAVE YOU HEARD? THIS LEG OF AMOR'S MUNDO DEL VENEO TOUR HAS A FREE SHOW!
LIMITED SEATS, THOUGH. AND TICKETS RAN OUT IN HALF A DAY.
YEAH, WE HEARD! THIS IS THE ONE NEAR THE BEACH, RIGHT?
AMOR
FREE CONCERT
THAT'S THE ONE. BIGGER THAN YESTERDAY'S GIG. AND LOOK WHAT I HAPPENED TO STUMBLE UPON...
...DO I HEAR ROAD TRIP?
25
I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DO IT, JOSE!
YOU'RE THE BEST!
HEY.
HEY, SO YOU'RE AN AMOR FAN, NOW? WHAT ABOUT DARNA?
I MAY LIKE AMOR'S MUSIC, BUT MY HEART BELONGS TO DARNA!
SHE'LL ALWAYS BE MY NUMERO UNO! THAT'S NEVER GONNA CHANGE!
IF ONLY SHE KNEW I EXISTED. SIGH.
OFF-ROAD, 90 MILES FROM THE CITY.
TO BE CONTINUED...

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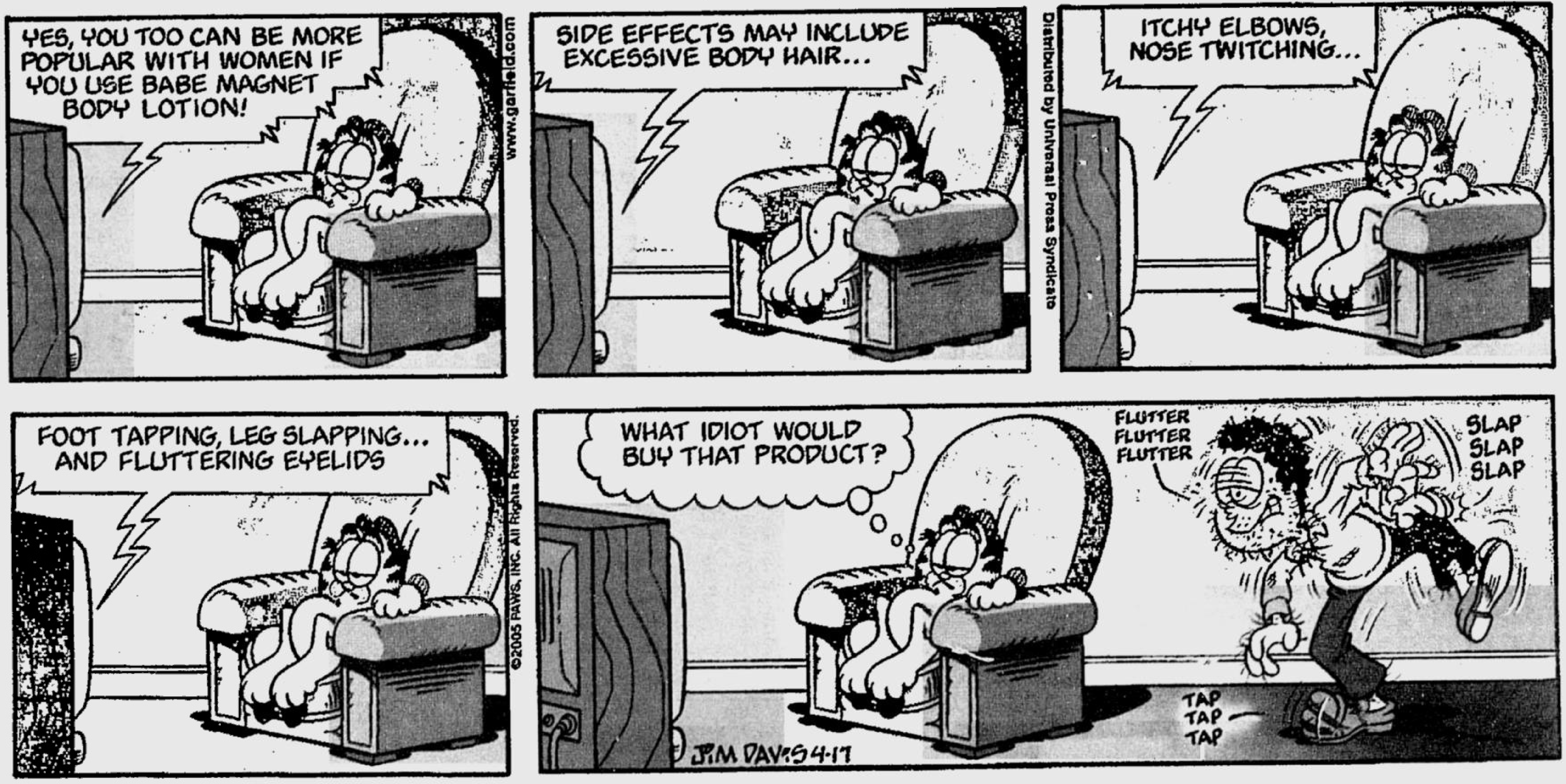
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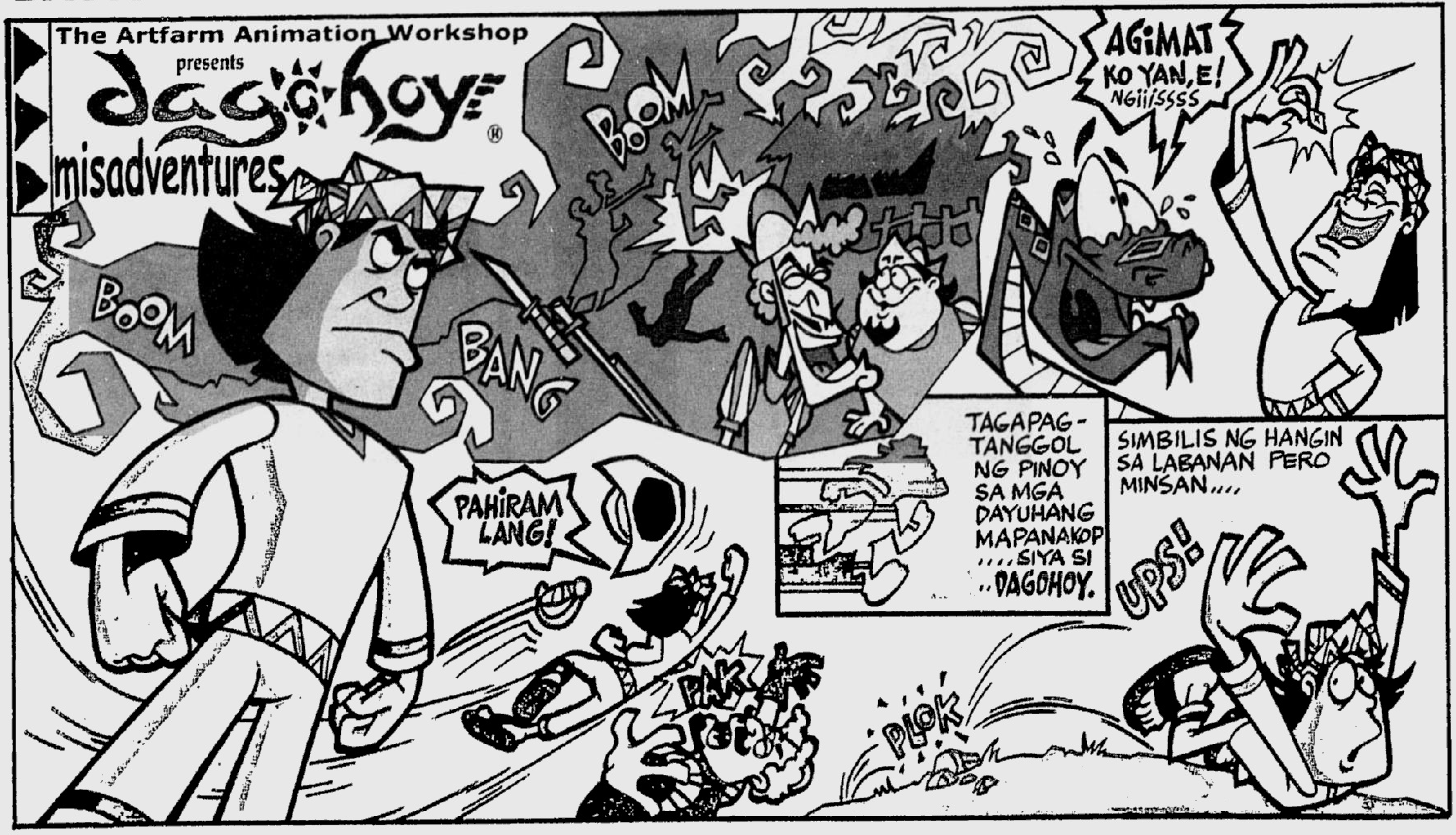
FLUTTER FLUTTER FLUTTER
SLAP SLAP SLAP
TAP TAP TAP
JIM DAVIS 4-17

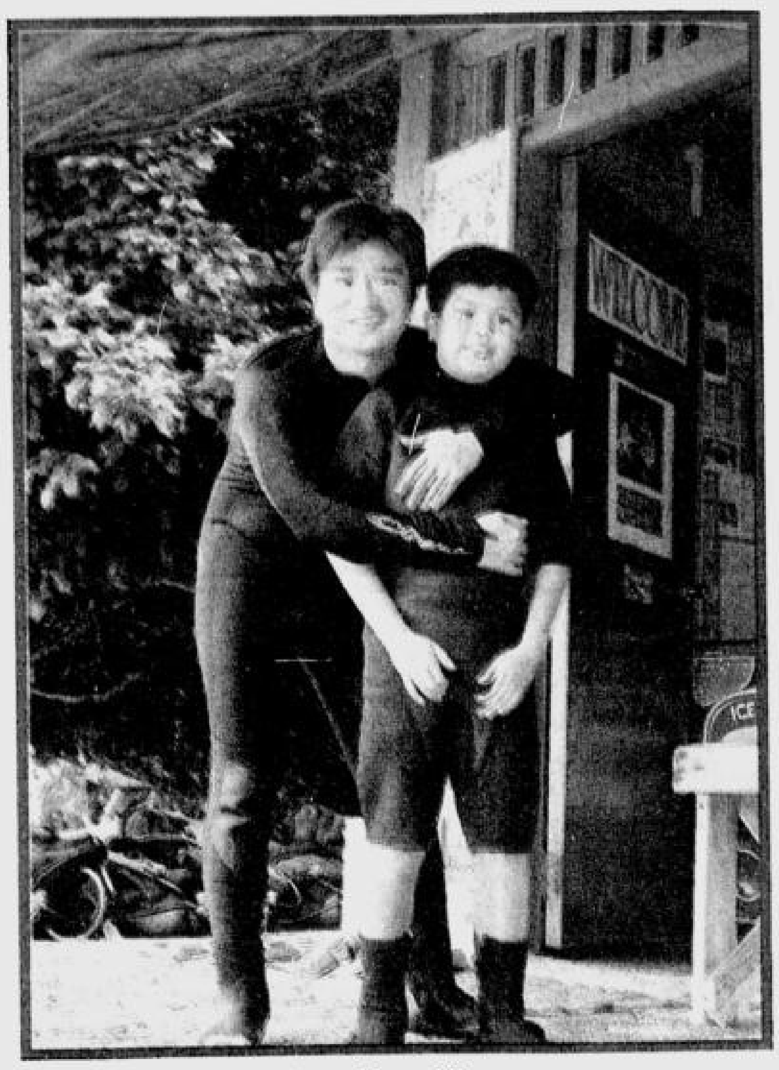
DAGOHOY

BY NELSON CALIGUIA


The Artfarm Animation Workshop presents
dagohoy
misadventures
BOOM
BOOM
BANG
AGIMAT KO YAN, E! NGiii/SSSS
TAGAPAG-TANGGOL NG PINOY SA MGA DAYUHANG MAPANAKOP ....SIYA SI ..DAGOHOY.
SIMBILIS NG HANGIN SA LABANAN PERO MINSAN....
PAHIRAM LANG!
UPS!
PAK
PLOK

B. TURN THE PAGE TO GET IT RIGHT

Finding Nemo and other stuff scuba kids learn


BONDING time. The author with son Migs

DIVE buddies and brothers Migs, 12, and Beej, 10

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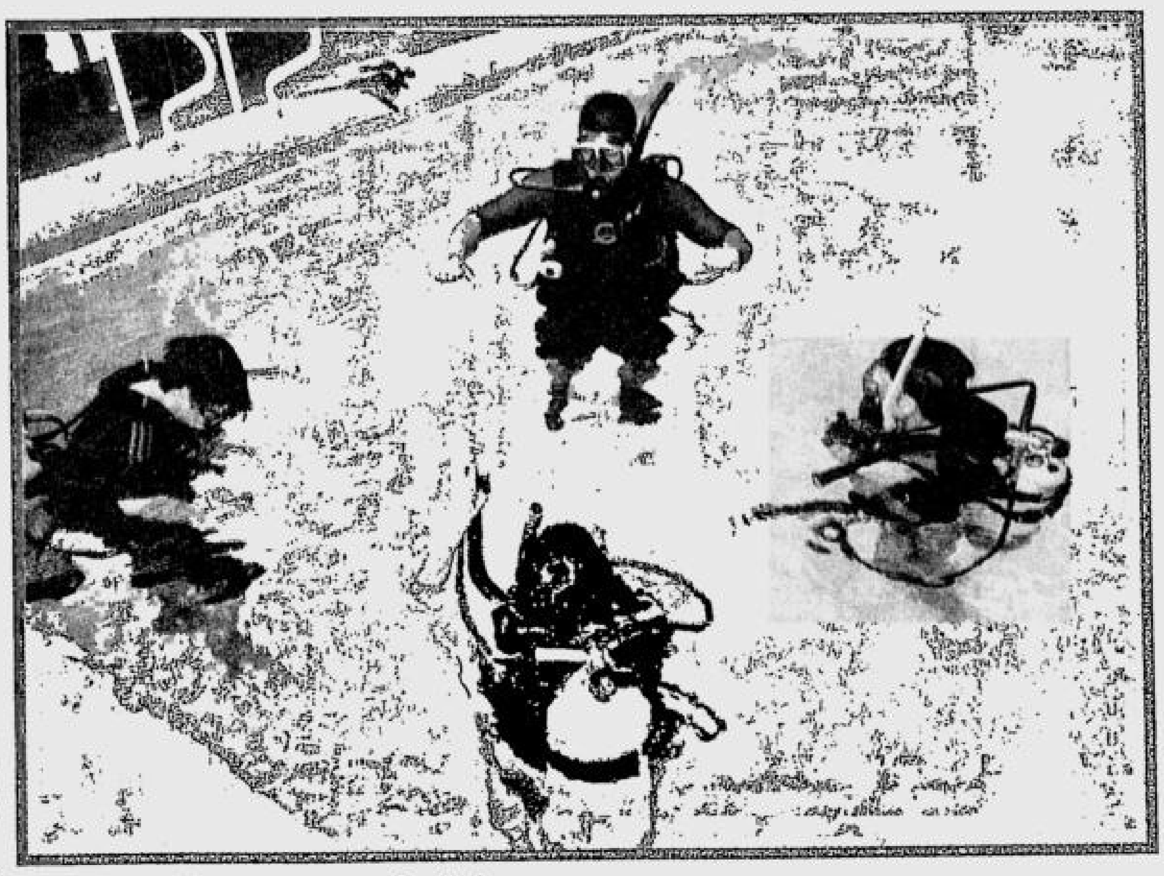
out for others. You can never dive alone. You always have to dive with a buddy. And the rule is simple. You are responsible for the safety of your buddy, and your buddy is responsible for you. You have to watch out for him, teach him, support him, protect him and be there for him under any situation. In fact, every dive gear must always have a spare regulator. So just in case your buddy runs out of air, he can share your most precious resource underwater, your air.

Kids learn to be confident when you teach them to dive. You'll notice a sense of pride and a heightened notion of bravery in their demeanor. Not surprising since diving isn't for the fainthearted. A human going underwater is like fish going on land. It isn't natural. If they are able to successfully dive, they have really conquered another world. A pretty mean feat by any standard.

Kids that dive also care about the environment more, especially the underwater environment. When before my kids might not have thought twice about throwing a plastic wrapper overboard, now they are aware that the sea turtle they saw might mistake it for a jellyfish, eat it, choke to death and it won't be there anymore for them to enjoy in their next dive.

After each dive, a diver is required to S.I.T. or, in dive speak, log in a few hours of Surface Interval Time to release accumulated nitrogen from the body. This is when we all sit by the beach, grab our favorite drink, and just talk or bond. If you have kids and have been wondering how to connect or communicate, the window after a dive is almost always the perfect time. More often than not, you'll hear them say, "It was beautiful underwater, Dad." When you hear these words, rest assured your kids have started to realize the beauty of our country's natural resources.

It has been wisely said that the next best thing to teaching your kids values is to give them memories they can treasure. If you want to do both, take your kids diving this summer!


POOL session is just one segment of scuba lessons

BEEJ enjoys being water boy

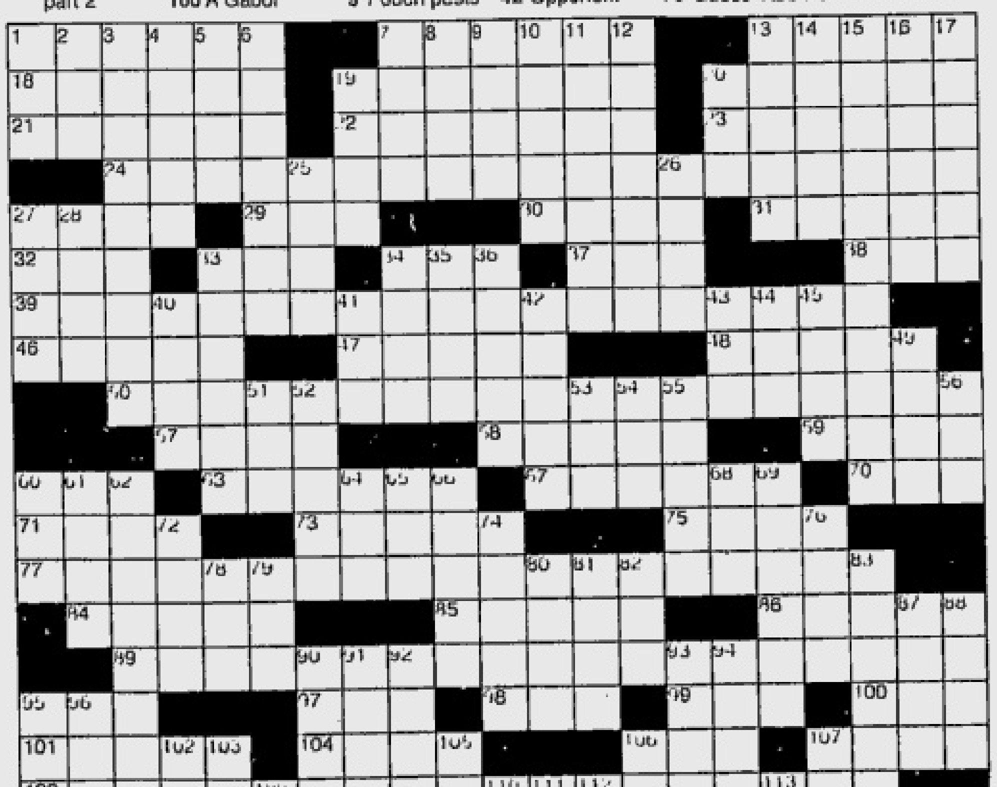
SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

TYPE

ACROSS
1 Ceramics artisan
7 Doctor who practices total patient care
13 Trading centers
18 Show up
19 Perceives intuitively
20 Dark red
21 Thumbed (through)
22 Sister of Orestes
23 Result of iron deficiency
24 Start of a riddle
27 Disney's Brinker
29 "You bet —!"
30 "Put a lid —!"
31 Soprano Fleming
32 700, to Caesar
33 OR workers
34 Toothpaste tube abbr.
37 That, in Madrid
38 Mormons: Abbr.
39 Riddle, part 2
46 Dick Cheney et al.
47 General Powell
48 Type of orange
50 Riddle, part 3
57 Mt. statistic
58 Host
59 Tofu bean, to a Brit
60 Gone by
63 Lash locale
67 Showed fatigue
70 Take into custody
71 Memo
73 Trig calculations
75 IRS agent
77 Riddle, part 4
84 Confronts
85 "Be quiet!"
86 San —, CA
89 End of the riddle
95 "— bad boy!"
97 Chemical suffix
98 "All My — Live in Texas" (George Strait hit)
99 Pres. Lincoln
100 A Gabor
101 Civil wrongs
104 Ship of Columbus
106 Pollution-control gp.
107 Max of "The Beverly Hillbillies"
108 Riddle's answer
114 Harsh
115 Verbal explosions
116 Preakness entrants
119 Witty
120 Most senseless
121 Printing goofs
122 Take — (travel)
123 Glue
124 German prison camp

DOWN
1 Buddy
2 Rich rock
3 Engineer, conductors, etc.
4 Quarrels
5 Nights before
6 Making over
7 Hawaiian port
8 Pizzeria fixture
9 Pooch pests
10 Bisected
11 More tranquil
12 Like old Russia, rulewise
13 Country estate
14 "— there yet?"
15 Ancient tribune's charge
16 Worked like a dog
17 Vipers, e.g.
19 Judge to be
20 Wrestling surface
25 Pulverize
26 Pierre's state
27 Sharp image producer, briefly
28 Back woe
33 Take stock?
34 Just — on the map
35 Stet's opposite
36 "— said many times ..."
40 Mayberry tyke
41 Puncture or pressure lead-in
42 Opponent
43 Try to get to marry
44 AOL or Earthlink, e.g.
45 Berets, say
49 New Age music star
51 "— Jude"
52 Turn — new leaf
53 27-Down brand
54 Stitch
55 Agent's cut, often
56 Chitchat
60 Cookout crasher
61 Mess up
62 It flows along the Ontario-Quebec border
64 Scientist's workplace
65 Boise's st.
66 Trench
68 Zany comedian Philips
69 Waste time
72 Every
74 "— to break it to you ..."
76 Astronaut Armstrong
78 Mauna —
79 Guess: Abbr.
80 Black gemstone
81 Ocho — (Jamaican resort)
82 Dad on "Rugrats"
83 Dry run
87 Donate
88 Sharif of film
90 Intellect
91 Really dumb
92 Authentic
93 Mafia chief
94 Brings shame to
95 Minnesota lake that's a source of the Mississippi
96 Classic Ford
102 Roman fountain
103 -- throat
105 James -- Garfield
106 Word before while
107 Yankee Yogi
109 "-- darn tootin'!"
110 Rural route
111 Biblical garden
112 "— la vie!"
113 Type
117 Plato's H
118 Sink down



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Left for husband's old love

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marcelo

'The more I beg him to stop seeing her, the more he spends time with her'

DEAR Emily,

I am 39 years old, married for 17 years and have three kids—aged 16,15 and 13. My husband had a relationship with a woman 14 years ago and they had a son. The woman left our hometown after she gave birth and had her own family.

Recently, she returned to our town after separating from her common-law husband. She and my husband then rekindled their relationship. He denied it at first, saying he was just concerned for his child with her. Then, he began spending more time with them.

The more I beg him to stop seeing her, the more he spends time with her. I asked him to leave last week and he did. I am at a loss, not knowing what to do. Will he still come back to us and should I accept him if he does?

NICKY

If the song "Love is Lovelier the Second Time Around" comes to you as gospel truth, then, the chances of your husband returning to you are kinda slim. It's not your fault. It's just that your husband was bitten by the love bug twice.

Many people fall victim to love unwittingly. When they find it, they throw caution to the wind. They're like moths drawn to a flame and to hell with whatever repercussions there are. There's nothing you can do right now except accept it.

Lead as normal a life as possible for you and your kids. Try not to plant the hate-your-father seed in their minds. Pretend that he went far away and cannot be reached anytime soon.

Then, be everything you were not when you were still with him—dress better, look better, speak better—be the best you can be for your own good. Let everyone notice how well you've become after he abandoned you. He might even notice the change in you and start asking himself if he was wrong to leave you.

A man hates to lose. And a change in you might make him salivate at what he lost! Don't be a rubber ball that he can bounce in and out of his life. The creep!

First love

I'm in my mid-20s and I live and work abroad as an administrative officer for one of the biggest construction-material importing companies somewhere in the Middle East. I'm very professional when it comes to my job. Off-work, I also manage a sports club.

My problem started when I got unemployed a few years ago. I met a Filipino guy and we became good friends. He is very successful in his own right, also working as a manager.

During those difficult times when I was nothing, he bought my groceries, clothes and gave me pocket money. He was very generous without my asking. As expected, we both fell for each other.

Until now, no one knows about us. Not my sister who also works here, not our mothers who are both here on vacation.

We are not your typical screaming faggots. He is sharing his room with another Filipino who is a little older than him. He says that man is just a friend. What bothers me is why he won't introduce me to that man. He only invites me to his place if the other guy is not there. If the other man is near him, he can't send text messages or call me... and he always puts his mobile in silent mode.

He gets irritated and calls me a nag if I start asking him when we will live together.

He made me fall for him so much that I'm afraid I might end up broken-hearted. I'm his third relationship, but he's my first. Is he trying to hide something or am I just being naive when things are so obvious?

Please don't judge us. We are not criminals. We fell in love in a very weird and un-normal manner. We were happy then. He brought out the best in me and I'm a better person because of him.

Is it a good idea to tell our mothers about us? Should I stop being jealous of his roommate? Should I stop nagging him about sharing a flat?

CONFUSED

You raised two issues here. One was the roommate and the other was your sexuality. On the first issue—how can you be so naive as to not see the truth about this man you love? Was the pope Catholic? Does the sun rise in the east?

You can't call, you can't visit, you can't do this or that when the roommate is around—what does that say of your boyfriend? You said yourself he held a high position so he should be able to control his own life already. Yet, he is acting like a 15-year-old juvenile who is being reined in by an adult!

Get to the bottom of it for your peace of mind. Either they are lovers themselves and/or he owes the roommate a big favor or money that he just couldn't brush off easily. You may lose him by doing so, but hey, better now than later when it would really hurt!

The other issue is your sexuality. You seem not to be totally comfortable with or have accepted your gayness fully, that you had to ask not to be judged harshly like "criminals." The world is not so constipated now, in case you haven't heard.

You can tell your mother who you are because, like it or not, some loved ones may be just playing deaf and blind to what they hear and see.

You are a big boy now—successful, confident and strong. Dance to the music your boyfriend is playing, if you care to. But know the truth. Then act wisely.

E-mail the author at emarcelo@inquirer.com.ph, Subject: Lifestyle, or send your letters to Inquirer. Listen to Ms Marcelo co-host the program "Kalikasan Vigilante," 7:15-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, dwBR 104.3 FM.

Summer camp for kids

SACRED Heart School's summer art workshop lets your child experience the joys of drawing, painting, sketching, coloring.

GIVE your kids the chance to experience summer camp. Sacred Heart School's summer camp offers a program that is based on the standards of no less than the American Camping Association.

The facilitators of the camp are members of the International Camping Fellowship, ensuring that kids are not shortchanged when it comes to giving them fun and memorable summer experiences.

Young campers will surely enjoy Camp Cheerio, a special day camp program for children ages 4-6. It offers all kinds of creative activities to help kids explore the diversity and excitement of the outdoors.

This three-week program is perfect for children who are still too young for an overnight stay or two away from home. The program culminates with the campers getting to experience cookouts, field games, adventure races and other exciting stuff.

The Summer Adventure first level overnight camp lets children ages 7-12 relish paradise outdoors when they visit a beautiful lakefront setting in Pililia, Rizal. Here, kids can delight in a true camping experience as they get to live in tents.

They will also have fun taking part in adventure races, water fun activities, ropes courses and more. At night, kids can bond by the campfire exchanging stories, singing together and creating entertaining skits.

The camping experience goes up a notch higher with Summer Challenge, where campers get to enjoy summer camp for three days by learning survival skills in the jungle.

But if you'd like to supplement your child's learning experience at home, Sacred Heart School has The Mentors Program, a comprehensive Math and English program that nurtures the minds of children. Competent teachers conduct programs that are carefully tailored to suit students of different grade levels and abilities.

Call or visit Sacred Heart School in Binondo (2470862), De la Rosa Street, Makati (8108997), Glorietta (8671125), Greenhills (7051630), Malabon (4473371), Parañaque (8231348), San Lorenzo, Makati (8153058) and The Fort (8162321).

Fun activities for children

THE LITTLE Farm House Development Center at Beverly Hills in Taytay will hold a summer camp for children ages 4-10 tomorrow until May 26, 9-11:30 a.m., Monday-Friday.

Also offered are the following activities:

- Summer Math Encounter for grade school and high school students. There are advance and remedial classes in Basic Operations, Practical and Applied Math and Pre-Calculus.
- Filipino for grade school students. Includes advance and remedial classes in vocabulary building, comprehensive skills in reading, composition and oral reading (for choral and individual) and poetry reading.
- Individualized Science remedial classes for grade school and high school students where they would learn to observe, gather data, draw conclusions, application, remember facts and understand concepts, solve problems and do mind mapping.

The Little Farmhouse Development Center for Children is at 95 Beverly Ave., Beverly Hills Subdivision, Taytay, Rizal. Call 6583489 or 6582968.

Top Obesity experts recommend the RED regimen in reducing weight

Top Obesity experts gathered together to recommend a three-point regimen labeled "RED" in effectively reducing weight. Composed of medical doctors specializing in the fields of endocrinology and cardiology, they expressed their endorsement that the traditional diet and exercise may not work effectively for all people, thus, partnering with your doctors is a must.

The new "RED" regimen was made known through Abbott Laboratories' nationwide reduce weight program - RED Dream Team Campaign. A soft launch and assembly was recently held at Thermogensis Weight Management Clinic, in Pearl Drive Ortigas Center, Pasig City.

"RED stands for Rx or doctor-prescribed medication, Exercise and Diet. This three-point regimen will be practiced by the participants the campaign, a three-month long program." According to Dr. Rosa Sy, one of Abbott's Adboard members, as she welcomed the participants in the assembly.

The RED dream team campaign is Abbott Laboratories' program supporting its national advocacy to counter obesity. Following its collaboration with the PNP and the Abbott workforce, which executed the same reduce weight program, the RED dream team campaign is just a step further to their advocacy by gathering people from different walks of life.

"The Dream Team consists of people with a vision for improving their quality of life by losing and managing their weight on a long term and permanent basis," said Dr. Rosa Allan Sy. "Exercise and Diet is a must and Pharmacotherapy is the newest addition to make the regimen more effective."

The participants were qualified as ready patients according to a criteria determined by doctors who specialize in obesity, weight loss and management. Participants, aged 18 to 65 years old, must have had previous efforts to lose and maintain weight through doctor's consultation, exercise and diet. They should also have a body mass index of at least 30 kg/m^2, or at least 27 kg/m^2 with history of co-morbid risks such as hypertension, diabetes or dyslipidemia.

The participants will receive individual nutritional advice on an effective diet, as well as the doctor-prescribed medication. They will also be supported by individualized exercise routines facilitated by Fitness First Gym and Thermogenesis Weight Management clinic. The progress of participants will be monitored and evaluated by medical specialists, gym instructors and nutritionists and final results will be presented at the end of the program.

During the RED assembly, Dr. Estrellita Lopez, delivered a talk about Pharmacotherapy. "Losing weight maybe challenging and even frustrating to some if we try to achieve our own desirable weight. We manage expectations by targeting to lose 5-10% of the participants' current weight. " according to Dr. Lopez.

The RED DREAM TEAM has been created to inspire and to testify to millions of people that losing weight is a decision that will lead to an improved quality of life – better health, and better self.

Dr Rosa Allan Sy, Abbott's Advisory Board Member welcomes the participants in Thermogenesis Weight Management Clinic during the RED Dream Team assembly.

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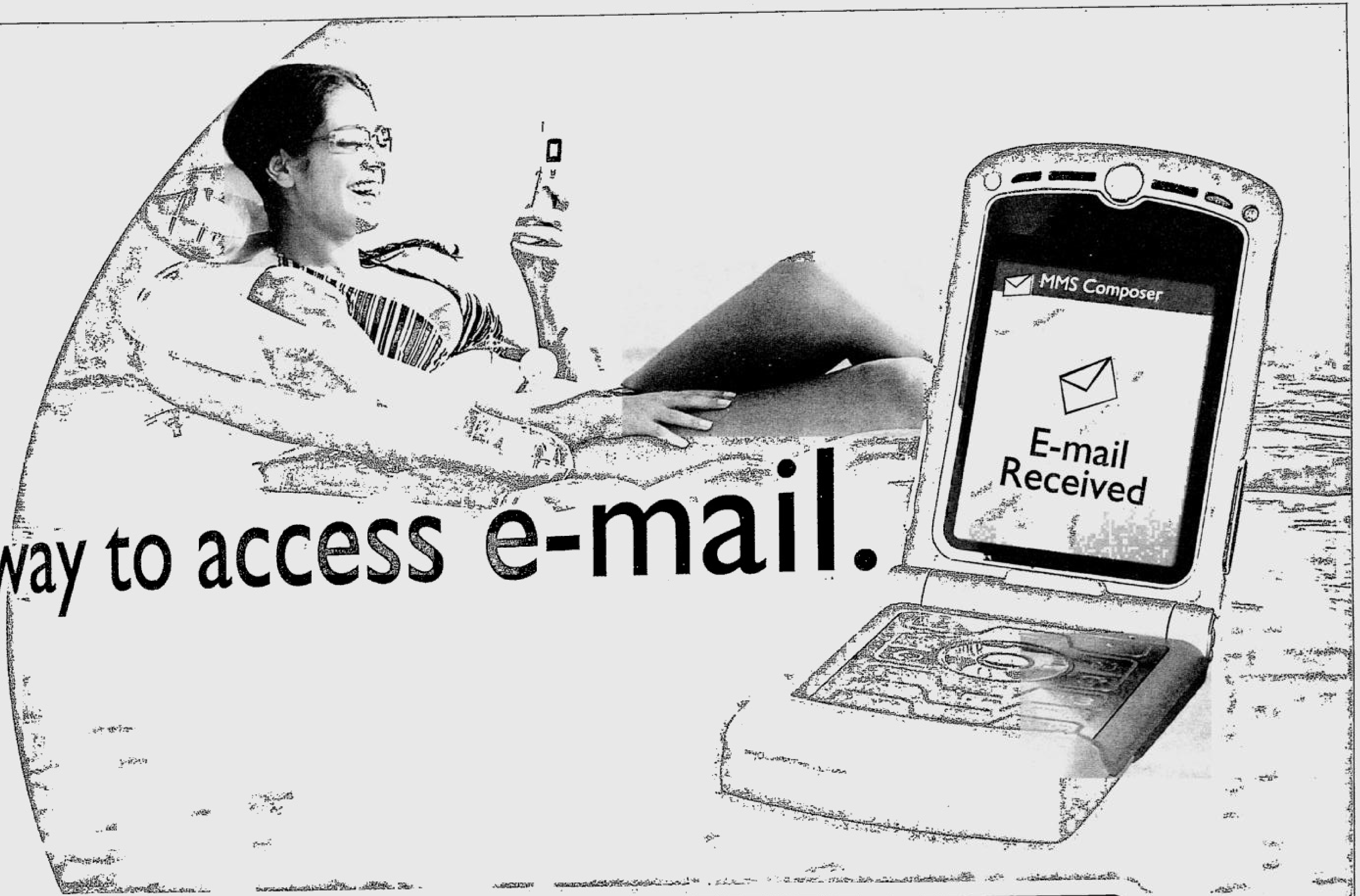

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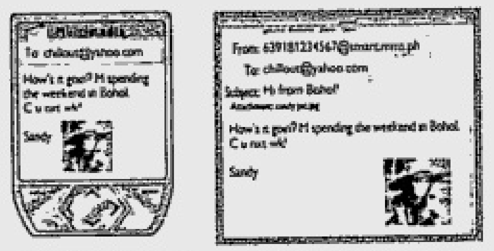

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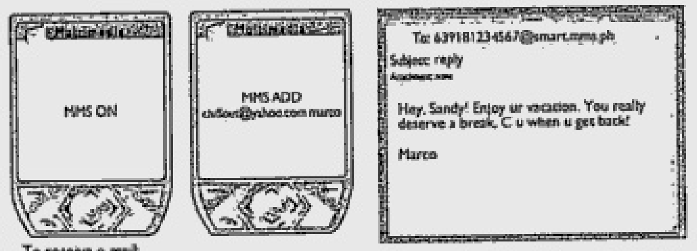

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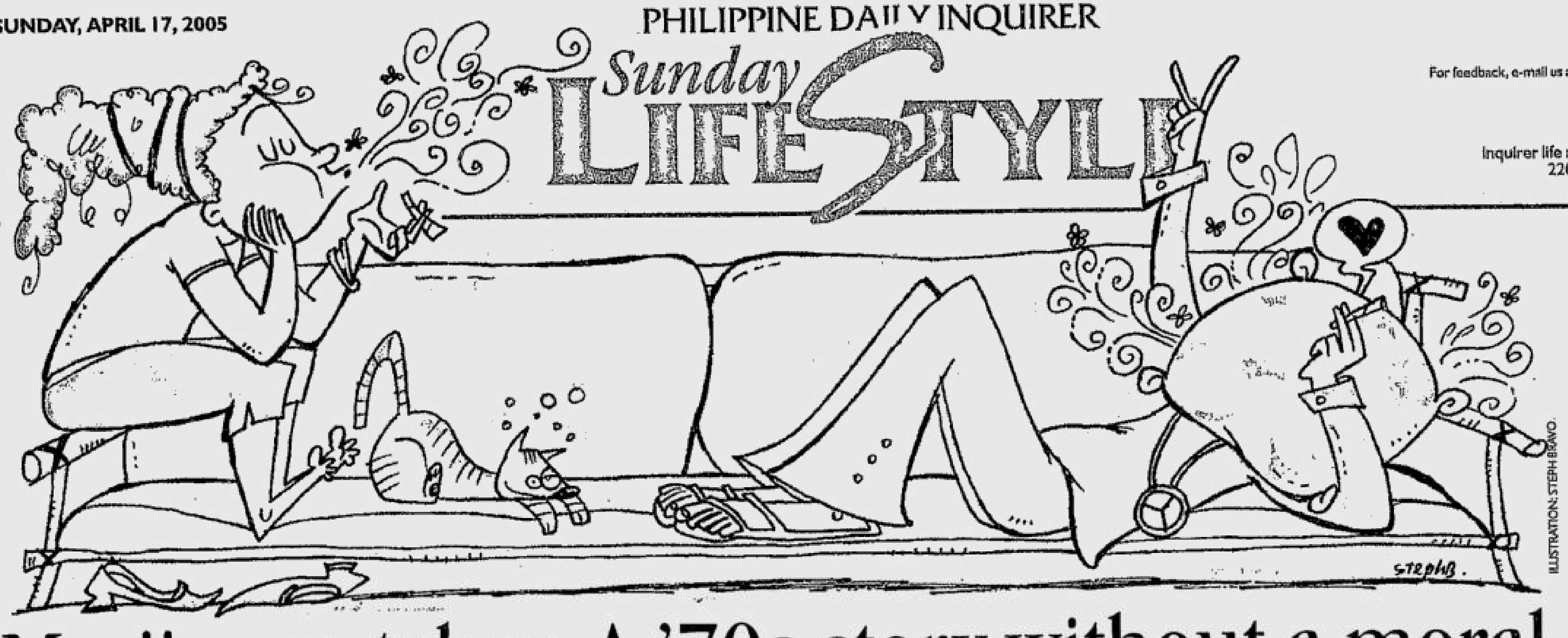

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'They weren't sure whether marital life was good or not because they were stoned for months'

Marijuana tales : A '70s story without a moral

By Gilda Cordero-Fernando

TO BE banal about it, things were slower in the past. In the Spanish times, women even embroidered handkerchiefs with human hair. A tall piece of furniture called a window chair was designed to sit on while indulging in the day's pastime—watching the passersby below. All documents were handwritten in a flowing script with ink that was mixed by hand. Everyone took a *siesta*.

Even in the '30s, *lechon* and ice cream were done at home, not available anytime in the supermarket. The carnival with rides pitched in chosen districts only once a year.

Kids recovered from sickness naturally. Their bodies weren't flooded with antibiotics to cure a simple cold. And people didn't lose hair so fast. (But then they didn't have such things as hair conditioners so potent they can make the most stubborn hair limp like a noodle on contact.)

Today trees can fruit out of season. They can cross two species so that you bite into a mango that is at the same time an apple, or into an *atis* that is also a *guayabano*. Simultaneous experience is of the essence. Who wants to play an organ with only the melody when, with a flick of a switch and the proper pedaling, one can have a whole orchestra?

Kids marry at 16, produce a baby three months after, split in one year. Bright fellows can work their ass off and become millionaires at 30. And why put ordinary gasoline in a souped-up car when aviation gas will make it fly? Once in a while, because highs are higher and depressions deeper, kids hang themselves.

So it is no surprise at all that for the young, an ordinary deadly cigarette is a bore. For people who orbit in space, every puff must be like kicking the moon.

This is the story of two *jeprox* during martial law, but it is a story without a moral.

Falling in love

She fell in love with him because he was on this romantic quest for an exotic maryjane that only grew underground, it was said, in the sewers of New York. How it got there? Because every time anti-narcotics agents raided a pad, the kids flushed all the evidence down the johns. And out of the dank and putrid night soil grew this eerie weed: a chlorophylless marijuana with ghostly white leaves and it was said to give the highest high of all.

He fell in love with her when he visited a classmate in detention camp. She had gone there to see an incarcerated girl friend. Asked for an ID, she had tossed her driver's license haughtily on the guard's desk, forgetting that, lo and behold, two small thin marijuana joints, in rainbow papers, were stashed in its plastic case. But she was so cute and noisy and her hair so curly that after one hour of interrogation, they exasperatedly let her go. He thought she had spunk.

Getting hitched

She introduced him to her homosexual hairdresser, the friendly neighborhood pusher whom you could ask (if you gained his confidence) to buy a couple of dozen Valiums from the *botica* at the corner. (He had special relations with the swishy sales clerk.) When her Venus was in Capricorn they made love and *bangag* on his couch. On moonless nights when they were high, they bicycled naked in the unkempt garden.

On the Year of the Dragon, they decided to get hitched. (Some old virtues remained.) They lived together in an abandoned building owned by the girl's mother. They weren't sure whether marital life was good or not because they were stoned for months. Every time they finished a communal joint they threw the roach (butt, to anyone above 18), out the window into the vacant lot below.

Hardy leaves

One day in November, the maid roused the stoned couple (they had two kids by then) saying, "*Nyorito, Nyorita*, there's a beautiful plant growing in the backyard, would you like to see it? *Ano kaya 'yon*?" And there, indeed, it stood in all its glory, nipple-high, a sunburst of serrated leaves. Hardy baby had grown from the seeds in the roaches, on the rocks below.

"It's mine!" the girl cried. "It's mine!" the

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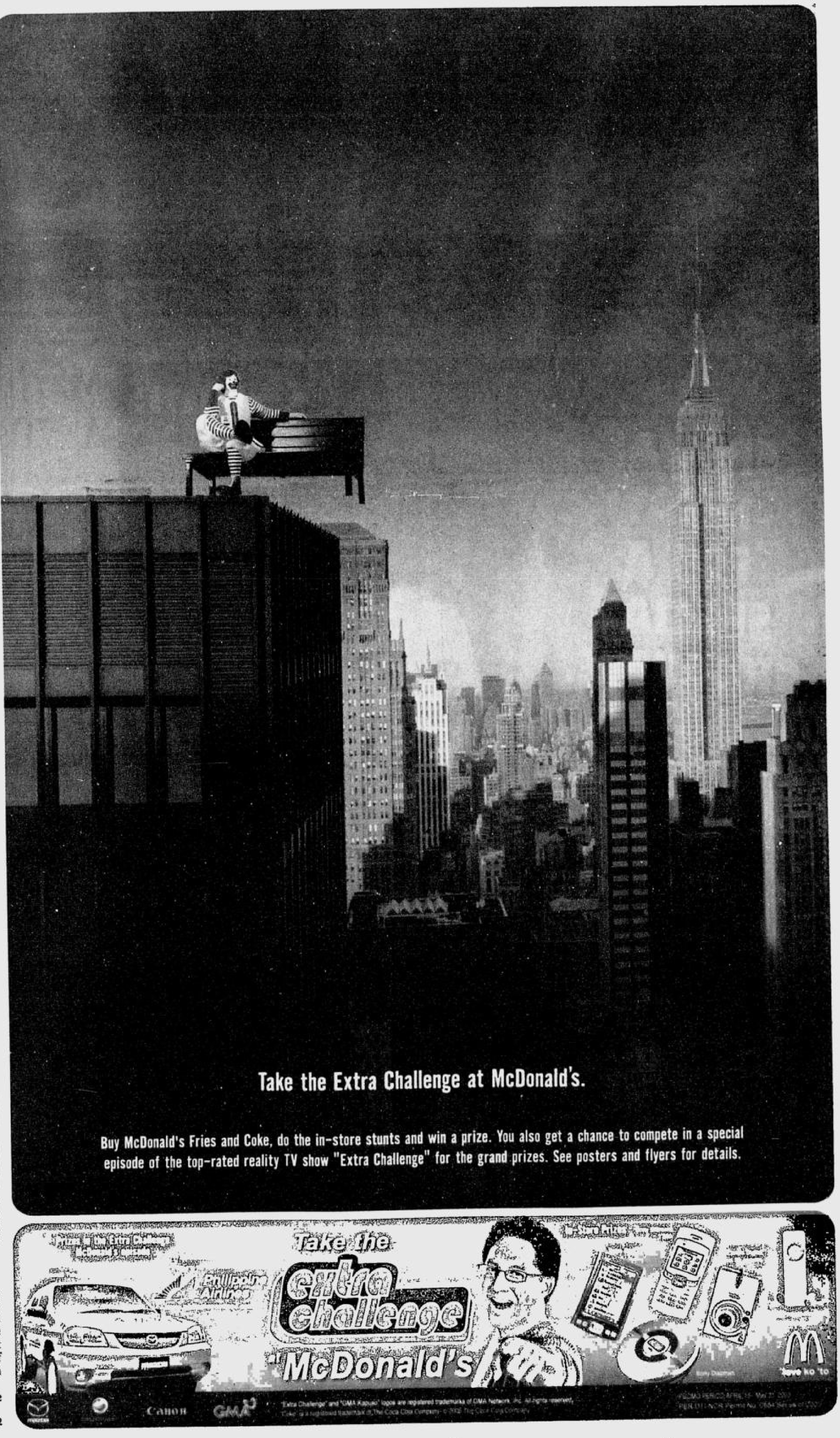
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MICHEL and Amparito Lhuillier

A night to remember at Liboros' splendid mansion

DIPLOMATIC SWIRL

By Amiga

DR. **Andy** and **Tereret Liboro** were kind enough to lend their splendid new mansion with its own private museum-altar room and lots and lots of salons and lots and lots of works of art to "Oh, No It's **Johnny Litton**." The mansion was used as venue to introduce Smart Infinity. **Joanne Carceller,** Smart's super-duperly efficient and glamorous department head for Key Relations management, ensured that the evening ran like a dream with music, food and booze aplenty. All those with Globe mobiles were requested to hide them.

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In the meantime, US Charge d'Affaires **Joseph Mussomeli** tendered a reception at the National Sports Grill in Greenbelt 1 for cultural envoy **Courtland Freeman.** The basketball player from Georgetown University was in town for a series of basketball clinics in key cities. Freeman just kinda towered over everybody like this guy couldn't lose himself in a crowd for sure. We also met **William Kwende,** former basketball player from the same school, who speaks 11 (count them) languages! He is now with the International Organization for Migration. Did you know that we still have Vietnamese refugee camps here? (If you'll note in the photo **Luli Arroyo**'s standing on a chair)!

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And for the moment you've all been waiting for I'm sure, the dynamic Tatler duo of **Irene Martel Francisco** and **Anton San Diego** launched the newest glossy magazine society at a luxe party at Makati Shangri-La. (If you really want to know who the 400, or was it 4,000, are, buy this issue at leading bookstores). All the prominent personalities you know were there, including **Baroness Koenigswarter, Michel** and **Amparito Lhuillier** (who was adorned with pearls), **Warner** and **Julie Manning** of HSBC, the marvelous **Tessa Prieto Valdes, Pitoy Moreno,** of course, **Mely** and **Louie Ablaza, Nedy Tantoco,** Consuls **Evie Costa, Helen Ong** and **Fortune Ledesma,** and Ambassadors **Renée Veyret** of France, **Umberto** and **Clara Colesanti** of Italy, **Joao** and **Ulrike Da Silva** of Portugal.

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It was that time of year again when French Ambassador Renée Veyret's favorite project (well, almost), the International Francophonia Day, rolled along. Aimed at promoting the French language and culture, supporting education and promoting human rights, Francophonia is celebrated in more than 50 countries. Held this year at the elegant residence of Belgian Ambassador **Chris** and Madame **Gul Tanghe,** the well-attended reception included US Ambassador **Francis Ricciardone,** Canadian Ambassador **Peter Sutherland,** Lebanese consul **Joey Assad,** Austrian Ambassador and Madame **Christian Krepela,** Swiss Ambassador **Lise Favre** and newly designated Philippine Ambassador to Germany **Delia Albert.**

IRENE Martel Francisco and Anton San Diego

WILLIAM Kwende (right), former basketball player from Georgetown University, and now working with the International Organization for Migration; Luli Arroyo; and Courtland Freeman

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Marijuana tales: A '70s story . . .

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boy cried. "Don't you dare touch it!" spat the girl. "If you pinch one leaf, I'll roll you off the cliff," the boy screeched. On Christmas the cannabis was fully grown, and they made it a Christmas tree for the kids with a tinsel star on top.

Their son, who adored his papa but not his mama, sometimes rolled a (lumpy) joint for his old man. When the kid had a stomach ache or a cough, his father blew smoke into his face to make him feel better (sometimes it did, sometimes it felt worse).

Their daughter, who loved only her mother, was used to carrying a stash of it in her plastic panties when they moved about. Once, the child accidentally got into a dish of treated brownies in the fridge and she slept for three whole days. "Irresponsible!" the young papa screamed at the young mama who was weeping with the limp child in her arms.

Splitting up

In January there was a hot spell. The cannabis folded its leaves and died. By this time, the couple were at each other's throats. The marriage that had been solemnized at sunrise by an orange nun wasn't working. They were forever in each other's handbags and jeans' pockets, stealing joints and pills.

On Valentine's Day they split. She went back to live with her mama. He went up to the mountains to grow his own. His friends were surprised to learn that in the division of property what he got was the little girl who adored her mother, and her friends were surprised to note that she had the little boy who adored his father.

"Well," the young stoned father sobbed, "when we quarrelled and decided to split, we each grabbed the nearest child and mine turned out to be this one." The little girl, strapped to her papa's back, spat a potato chip at his neck.

Uprooted

At the end of the year, the military raided the plantation where the boy worked alongside the wives of his activist friends. It was a plantation of Acapulco Gold all curtained thickly with innocent plants. The husbands, all except the guy who had now no wife, were NPAs and lived farther up the mountains. Luckily, the boy was on the hill teaching his little girl how to fly a kite.

The plantation was located at the farthest point of the loneliest road a jeep could reach. But the military raiders were suddenly there and began uprooting row upon row of the maturing marijuana. They filled two trucks and brought them down from the mountains to the barracks in Baguio.

Scattered

One half of the stuff was hastily crammed by the soldiers into large sacks and loaded into a helicopter in Burnham Park to be brought to Manila. When the chopper lifted, half of the plants slipped off and were scattered all over the grass of the park below. The girl, who happened to be in Baguio for vacation, was blearily sunning in the park. That was the first time the boy saw his wife after their split. Happily, they scrambled for the manna from heaven, for the wonderful free stuff whirring from the sky to the grass. His pants pockets were bursting. Her handbag was full. The air wafted smoke from the rest of the confiscated marijuana that the raiders had decided to burn in the barracks.

The boy and the girl inhaled the smoke and smiled, remembering the happy times when they were stoned for months.

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Devotees pray to Pope John Paul II for intercession

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

WHEN he passed away on April 2 at 9:37 p.m. (Rome time) and 3 a.m. (Manila time, April 3), people started praying to Pope John Paul II, myself included. During the six-day wake at St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome, I constantly prayed to him to help me solve a problem. He granted my wish. Then there is the Mexican child whose parents prayed to Pope John Paul II for his healing and he got well.

During the Holy Mass celebrated at St. William's Cathedral in Laoag, my mother knelt in front of the Pope's framed photo and asked for his intercession for my brother Pompeyo's healing from kidney failure, which has made him undergo dialysis for almost two years.

People I know have been praying to him, as well as crediting him with intercessory powers accorded only to saints. I am sure the 51 saints he has canonized during his papacy of 26 years and the 1,338 holy men and women he had beatified are praying for him in Heaven.

Affection for the Holy Father is burning in the hearts of people everywhere, even now that he is dead. My fellow writer Dulce Festin Baybay told me, "He brought the world together."

I remember that on Jan. 12, 1995, when the Pope arrived in Manila, Dulce and I crossed from the main building of the Ospital ng Maynila to reach the lower roof of the Outpatients building along Quirino Avenue. There, I knelt holding my camera, ready to take photos of the Pope when he passed by on the way to the Nunciature on Taft Avenue.

THE HOLY Bambino of Aracoeli

Why he is a 'saint'

People think that John Paul II is a saint because he is almost perfect. They are seeking that same perfection in themselves by being more faithful to their duties as Christians. Failing in that, some people have compensated for this by writing long letters to John Paul in the book of condolences spread in churches like Manila Cathedral and Nunciature before the funeral. They patiently waited for their turn to write down their feelings for their beloved Pope.

Bambino de Aracoeli in Naic

Santo Bambino de Aracoeli Chapel in Naic, Cavite is affiliated with the Santo Bambino de Aracoeli Chapel in Campidoglio Square, Rome. The miraculous image of the Divine Infant is considered a patron of children and pregnant mothers, and is visited by pilgrims from all over the world, particularly during Christmastime and the Feast of the Epiphany. Devotion to Santo Bambino was brought to the Philippines by the Echauz Family. The image's coronation on May 2, 1897 by Pope Leo XIII is commemorated by the Karakol Festival in Naic on May 1.

Playing host to this annual affair, now on its 14th year, are businessman-lawyer Romeo R. Echauz and his wife Dr. Lourdes Talag-Echauz, president-emeritus of Centro Escolar University (CEU). Overall chairman of the Karakol Festival committees is Dr. Perlita D. Castro.

Holy Mass will be offered at 2 p.m. at the Chapel, officiated by Most. Rev. Bishop Emeritus Manuel C. Sobreviñas, and concelebrated by Monsignor Jaime J. Mora and Rev. Fathers Inocencio Poblete, Jr., George Morales, Nestor Abad, Gilbert Reyes and Ariel delos Reyes.

Following will be the Karakol Festival, to be participated in by dance groups, ladies' circles and marching bands from various barangays of Naic. Special guests will be dance groups from CEU Manila and CEU Malolos. Prizes will be given to winning groups and bands. A raffle will also be held.

Good Shepherd Parish

The Cathedral Shrine and Parish of the Good Shepherd in Fairview, Quezon City recently launched a program of activities for the yearlong celebration of its Pearl Parish Foundation anniversary on Aug. 18, with the theme "Rekindling the Gifts of the Good Shepherd."

Msgr. Romy Rañada said other highlights of the celebration include the Feast of the Good Shepherd today; Santacruzan Festival Procession, May 28; 21st anniversary of the dedication of the Church of the Good Shepherd on Aug. 19.

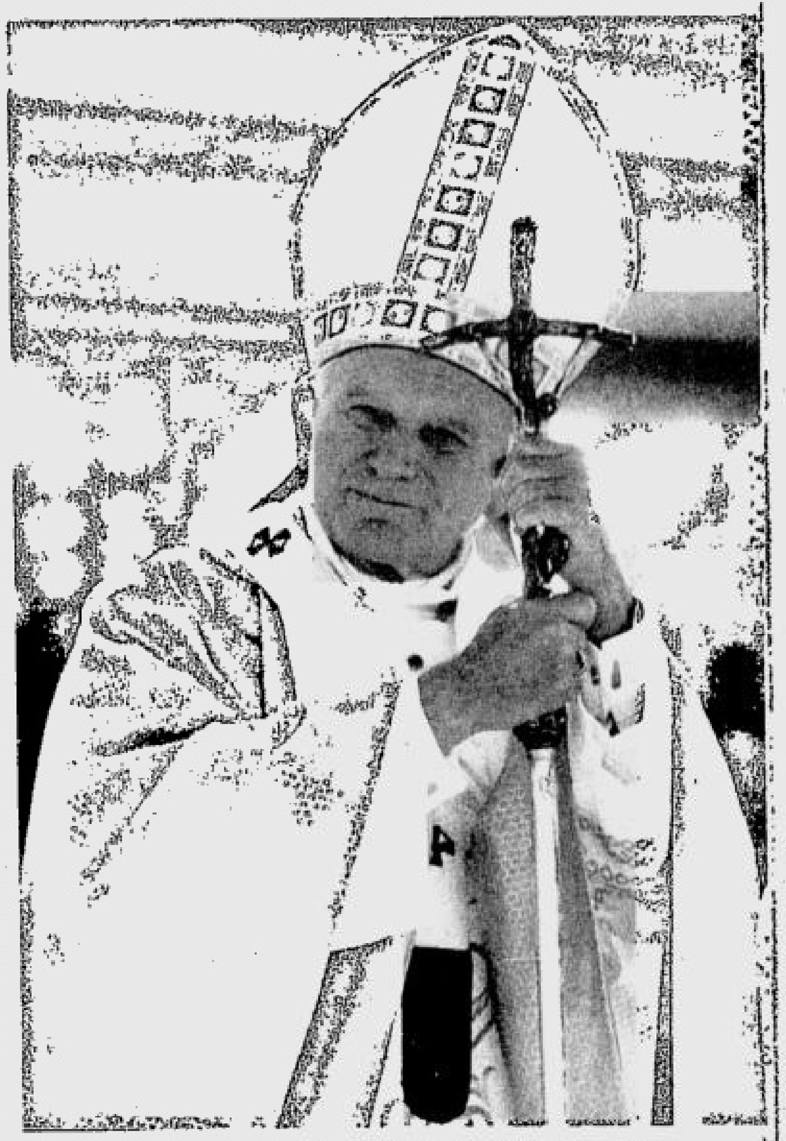
For more information, please call Parish of the Good Shepherd at 9394720 and 4308440.

Miraculous Medal Church in Batanes

The Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal is a quasi-parish/chaplaincy of the Territorial Prelature (Mission Territory) in Batanes. It is situated in a little barrio, south of Batan Island.

Fr. Robert Young, chaplain, wrote: "In the past, the Spanish Dominican missionaries visited the community and celebrated the Holy Mass only once or twice a year in the old chapel which we are still using today. However, in the last five years, significant changes were made. A permanent priest was assigned to cater to the spiritual needs of the community. Regular Masses were introduced, as well as other liturgical celebrations and catechetical instructions for the children and adults. Formation programs for liturgical ministers were gradually implemented, and they were introduced to the Basic Ecclesial Community (BEC) setup. The faithful zealously cooperated with the new programs.

Moreover, because it is the only church in the whole Batan Island, having the Blessed Virgin as Patroness, and due to the many miracles and answered petitions attributed to her powerful intercession, many people visit the church and attend liturgical services. Consequently, because of this phenomenon, the church is now considered a pilgrim church, and we are working for its canonical erection as a Prelature Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.



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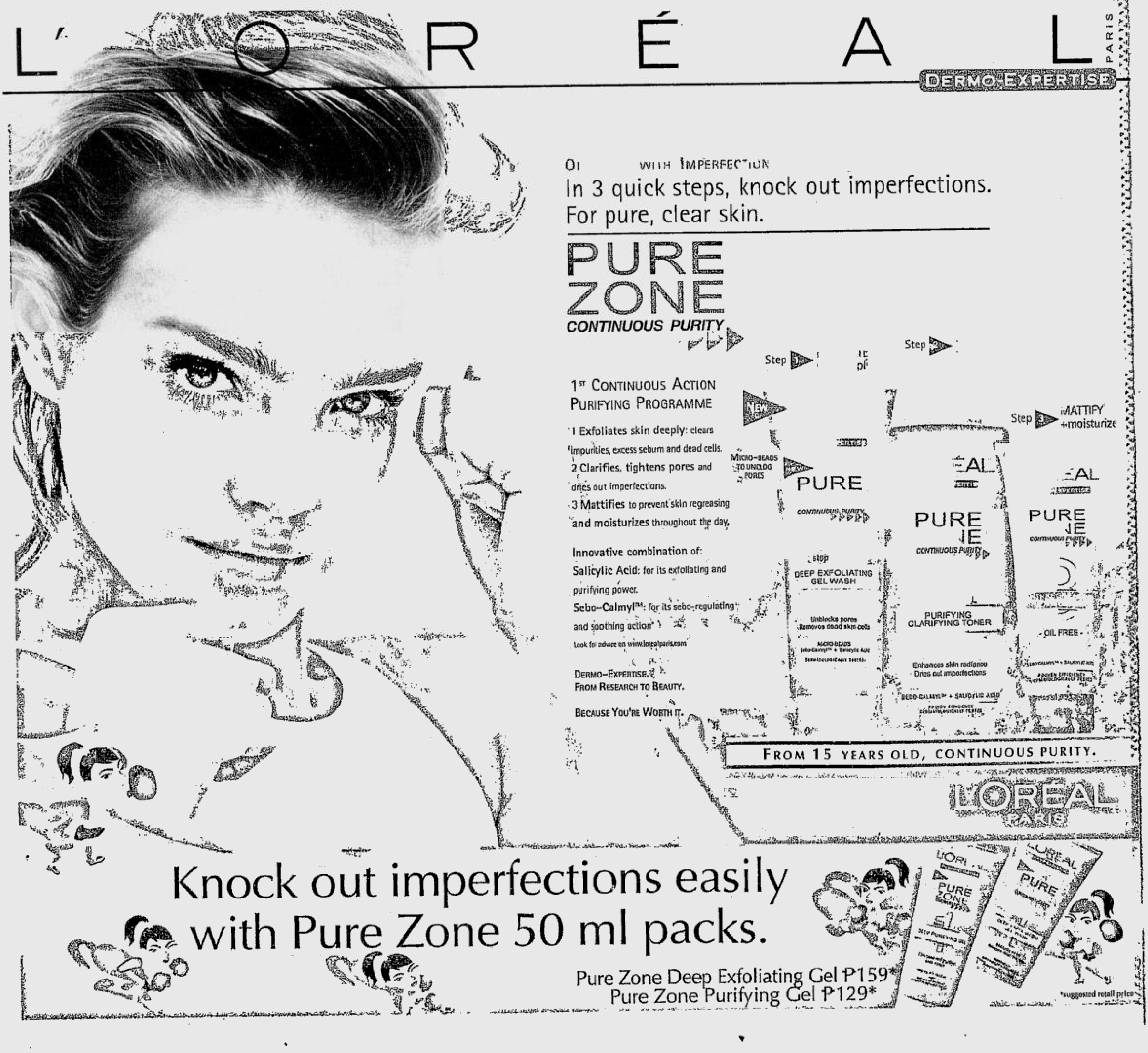
Our Lady of Caysasay

A dawn procession at 4 a.m. on April 24 will bring the image of Our Lady of Caysasay to the Basilica of St. Martin de Tours in Taal, Batangas. Msgr. Albert Boongaling will welcome her. Pilgrims from Metro Manila are expected to arrive. Called "the perpetual dawn procession," the image will be brought back on April 27. Also to be held on April 24, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. is the first Mariology seminar to be given by visionary Bro. Joe Roña. The new parish priest of Caysasay shrine is Fr. Bong Panganiban.

Healing Masses

The schedule of Healing Masses of Fr. Diwane Cacao in Laguna is as follows: April 22, 6 p.m., Our Lady of Remedios Parish in San Pablo City; April 26, 6 p.m., San Antonio de Padua Parish in Biñan; and April 29, 6 p.m., San Isidro Parish, also in Biñan. It will also be the Thanksgiving Mass of Fr. Cacao as a new parish priest has been appointed by Bishop Drona for the San Isidro Church.



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Super Summerific Surprise for globe girlfriends

Pink was definitely the color of the day, marking the onset of a rose-colored summer as Market! Market!'s entrance was adorned with pink balloons and daintily-colored tents that housed a great array of treats and awesome entertainment. Globe Girlfriends Super Summer Events launched a series of hip happenings with a blast and is all set to pepper femininity perfectly into every calendar day of this sunny season.

Painting the Town Pink

With Radioworks as its partner, the Globe Girlfriends club and disk jockeys from top ten radio stations in the country: Jam 88.3, Wave 89.1, Magic 89.9 DWTM, Joey 92.3, Monster Radio RX93.1, Mellow Touch 94.7, 103.5 KLite, 99.5 RT, 105.1 Crossover and NU 107 painted the town pink with a motorcade simultaneously starting from Ortigas Center and Paragon Plaza in Edsa, later on culminating at Market! Market! at the Fort. The event was complete with an Ati-atihan group that got Globe Girlfriends as well as mall goers into a festive mood.

The motorcade carrying Globe Girlfriends all set to celebrate feminine fun.

The pink balloon gate welcomed visitors to the festive venue.

Revelers mark the start of the girl-powered celebration.

Freebies Galore!

In time for this year's sunny season, Globe Girlfriends, Globe's exclusive club for women, made sure that its members had a grand time at the GGF booths around Market! Market!'s Central Plaza. Members and those who signed up on the spot got special discounts of up to 50% at partner-merchant booths such as Manels and its other lines like Catch and Moda, as well as Genevieve Gozum and YRYS, Marcella, Maldita, and Goldilocks. By just showing they were Globe Girlfriends, members also got stubs for freebies such as snow cones, free tarot reading, henna tattoo and nail art from California Nails & Day Spa.

Registrants and onlookers troop to the Globe Girlfriends registration booth.

Accessories abound at Marcella's booth.

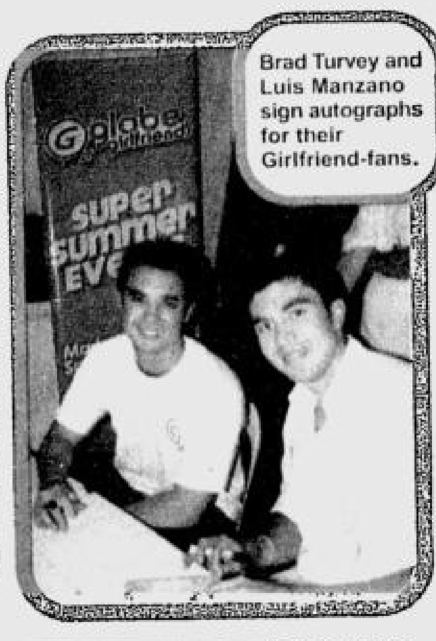
Discounts on fashion goodies for Globe Girlfriends at Manel's booth.

A Globe Girlfriends wannabe asks how to be part of the exclusive club.

Frolickin' Girlfriends

Gals and their pals bonded some more by enjoying the free concert featuring the country's premiere bands like Barbie's Cradle, Acoustic Jive, Silk and Side A who gave rousing renditions of their hit songs and cover versions that easily got the Girlfriends into a Summer frolic. To add more excitement and fun to the event, the members' skills and styles were tested in games like the GGF Text Game, Merry Makeup, HerStyle and the GGF Beauty Pageant, where winners brought home Globe Girlfriends premium goodies. Also, lucky ladies who just had their non-Globe SIM cards swapped and then registered to be Globe Girlfriends members got a chance to meet, chat and have their pictures taken with favorite celebrities like Luis Manzano, Brad Turvey and Janice and Gelli de Belen, completing the fabulous experience only a Globe Girlfriend can enjoy.

A soulful rendition from Barbie Almalbis of Barbie's Cradle.



Brad Turvey and Luis Manzano sign autographs for their Girlfriend-fans.

Side A was easily the crowd favorite.

A crowd of Globe Girlfriends flock the venue for the ultimate summer fun.

Meet and Greet winner Maricor Evangelista (middle)and Girlfriends Rihea Delizo and Johanna Evangelista bond with Globe-sisters Janice and Gelli de Belen.

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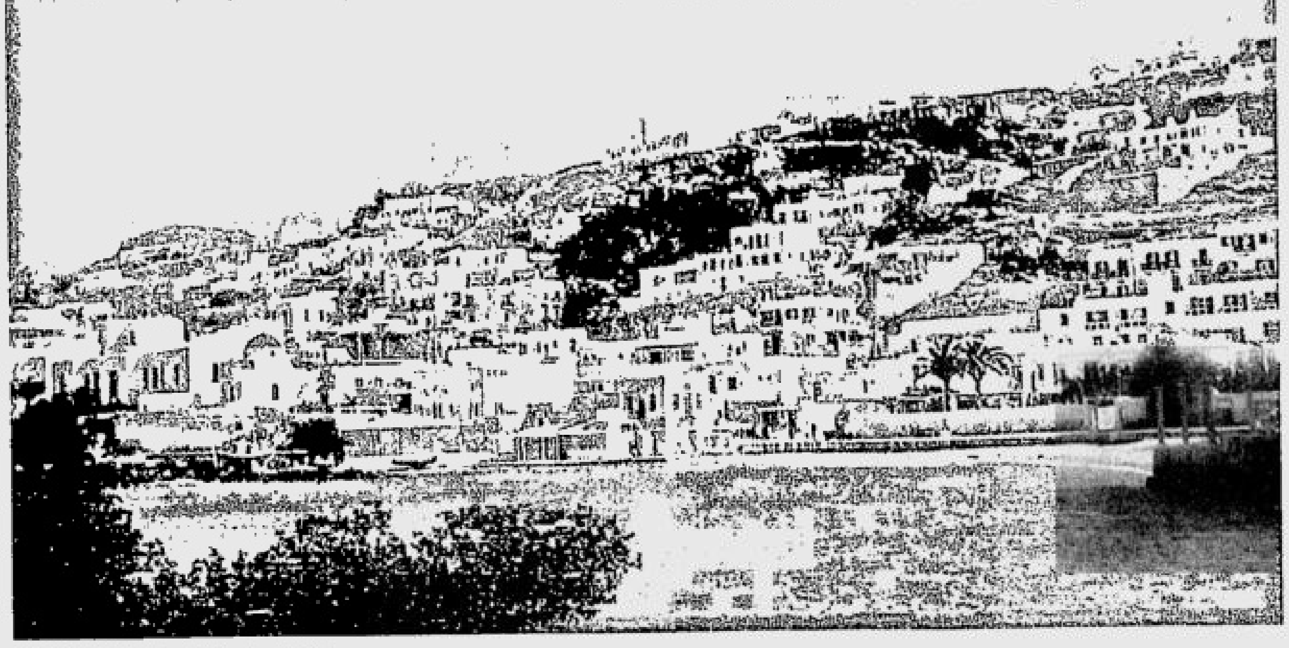

LANDSCAPE of island of Mykonos

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It's all Greek to me!

What to do, where to go, what to bring and where to buy—we've made it easy for you to enjoy the glory that is Greece

Text and photos by Rajo Laurel
Contributor

GREECE has all the elements of a dream escape. Its rich history and ancient culture have inspired countless books and cinematic works. Its cuisine is indescribably wonderful, every earthy dish capturing the essence of its lovely geography and people. Oh, and the people! The beautiful people of Greece by themselves are a tourist attraction.

Meteor Travel and Tours (tels. 5647613 or 09189125177 or 09275118814) organized and orchestrated an ocular inspection of sorts for Keren Pascual, PR guru and soon to be TV mogul, who was gearing up for another of his Famous voyages. I did not hesitate one bit when Keren asked me to join him to, as they say, case the joint. We both have traveled with Meteor to Egypt and they are undeniably the best resource for the Mediterranean region.

Greece has opened my eyes to its beauty. Suddenly, nothing is Greek to me anymore. Or should I say it's all Greek to me now? The islands have made such a convert out of me that I've compiled lists that I hope will make your trip there as unforgettable as mine.

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THE AUTHOR in front of the grandeur of the Parthenon

MARTINOS' exquisite icons and luxurious antiques all up for grabs

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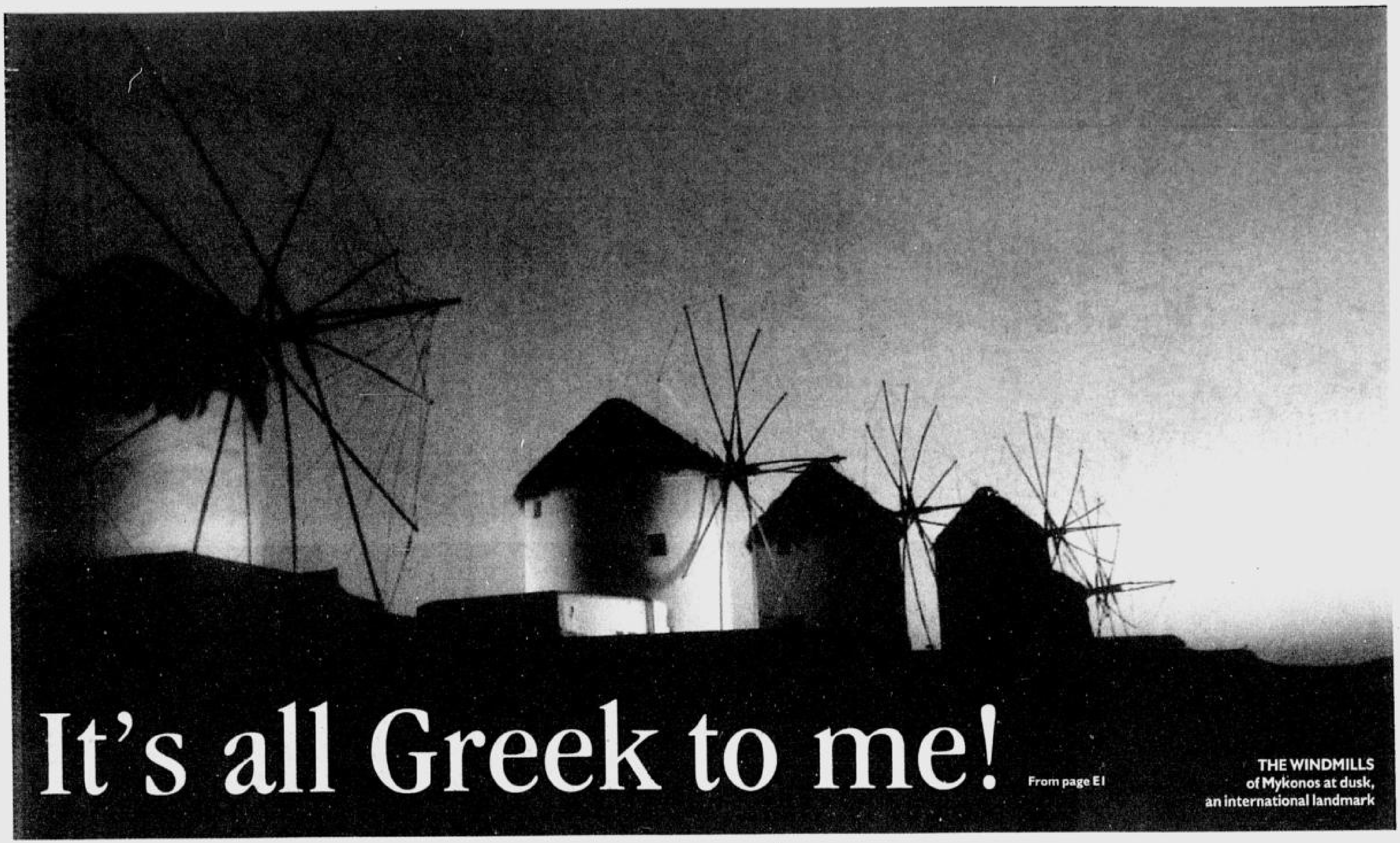


THE WINDMILLS of Mykonos at dusk, an international landmark

Top 10 things to do in Greece

1 **Have Greek coffee.** It's like an iced frappe with a thick and rich foam on top. It's best enjoyed either in a sidewalk café in the city or on a beachfront resort on the islands.

2 **Go to the Benaki.** If you have time for only one museum visit, make it this one. It has the perfect balance of all the different kinds of Greek art. It has the most fantastic artifacts of Greek history throughout the ages. The costume collection is out of this world. You must have a cocktail or coffee at its terrace—very, very chic. Benaki closes at midnight on Thursdays.

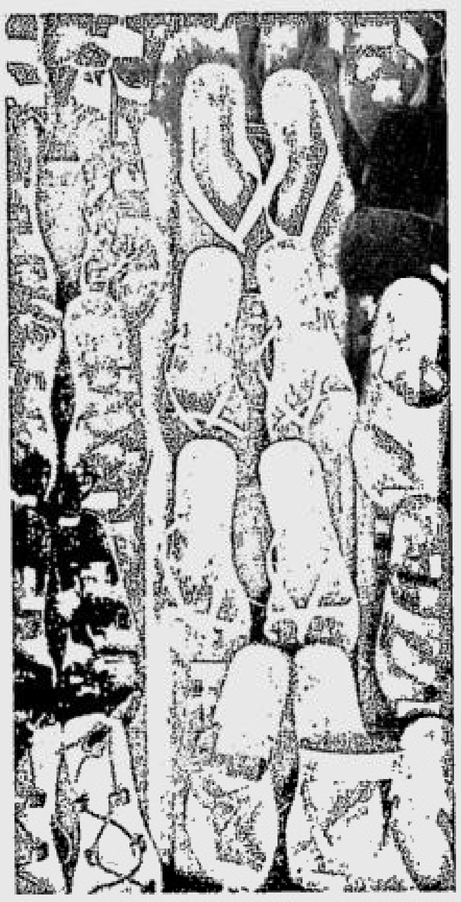
3 **Have a drink in Galaxy bar.** Located at the top floor of the Hilton, which is the most posh hotel in Athens, Galaxy has probably the best view of the Parthenon!

4 **Marvel at the Parthenon.** A visit to Greece is really incomplete without visiting the Acropolis. After climbing 850-plus steps up this mountain, you get to be mesmerized by an unobstructed 360-degree view of the city of Athens. The museum within the complex is also very good. This is best visited first thing in the morning in order to avoid the crowds and also the heat.

5 **Walk around Plaka.** This part of Athens is right under the Parthenon. Within this area you will also get the chance to walk around the Monastiraki area where the ancient "Agora" market is (fantastic flea market finds). Here, you will get a feel of a modern Bohemian Greece on ancient soil, the historical, ancient culture mixed with the contemporary lifestyle of the Athenians. Within the area are tiny Byzantine churches. Go inside and get a load of the décor of these art house churches.

6 **Have a real Greek salad.** You must try this in Greece! There's something about the melange of the sharp feta cheese and the succulent olives together with plump tomatoes, delicately sweet onions and the crunch of green cucumbers on a bed of fresh crisp greens dripped with the virgin olive oil and dark Greek vinegar. The experience really defines your Mediterranean experience. I tried this salad in most of the restaurants that I have eaten in Greece, but the best was at Kazarma (tel 2287028256), a beachfront restaurant on the island of Mykonos, overlooking spectacular views of the sea and low rising hills.

WITH KEREN, PR guru and soon-to-be TV mogul, and our lovely friend Alexandra, who showed us a fabulous time in Athens



IT'S a sin not to buy leather sandals in Greece.

7 **Visit the Greek Islands.** Go to the Athens port area and get a fast boat to the islands. Or you can fly there in only 30 minutes. Meteor can make all arrangements for you and make you feel like a god/goddess. Of the islands, Mykonos and Santorini are your best bets. Mykonos is a party town famous for its nightlife and nude beaches. The best tan I ever got was on this island... you really glow! Santofini is the most picturesque, with its all-white houses literally carved out of the hill sides.

8 **Rent a moped.** The best way to get around the islands is to use this vehicle. Just have your driver's license and passport ready and off you go.

9 **Shop at Kolonaki.** This is their version of high street, Rodeo Drive, 5th Avenue or our Greenbelt. In the fashion section, get lost around the area and soak up on the local and international brands. Stop for a cup of coffee and enjoy the super gorgeous men (and women—up to you)!

10 **Party at Psiri.** This is the party street where all the cool clubs and trendy bars are located. The Greeks party late and hard. Begin at, say, 12:30 a.m. and it's really up to you when or where to go home. My picks are: Multi-culti (best décor and dance electronika-based music), Bee (great bar atmosphere and friendly staff), Roya Dance place (with international DJs).

Top 10 travel essentials

1 **Sun shades**—The sun can be very strong in Greece, especially as you head off to the islands. I love my old-school Ray Ban Aviators! They are what I call a modern classic.

2 **Sunblock**—The sun is constantly shining and in order to maintain your Mediterranean glow, you need to protect it. My grandmother swears by Clarins, and so do I!

3 **Comfortable shoes**—Trekking around Greece is like going through three continents... you have the city streets, sandy beaches and mountain top terrains. You will need the right trainers to survive all these. I love the Superstar Adidas (Run DMC is my choice), the 35th anniversary collectors/limited edition.

4 **Tote bag**—The lifestyle of Greece deserves a proper lifestyle bag. This season, it's got to be the "Graphic Designed" life tote by Team Manila.

5 **Ipod**—This is truly my travel essential. They recently came out with the Shuffle. I love it! It's light and super compact and at a totally affordable price. The only travel accessory I literary cannot live without!

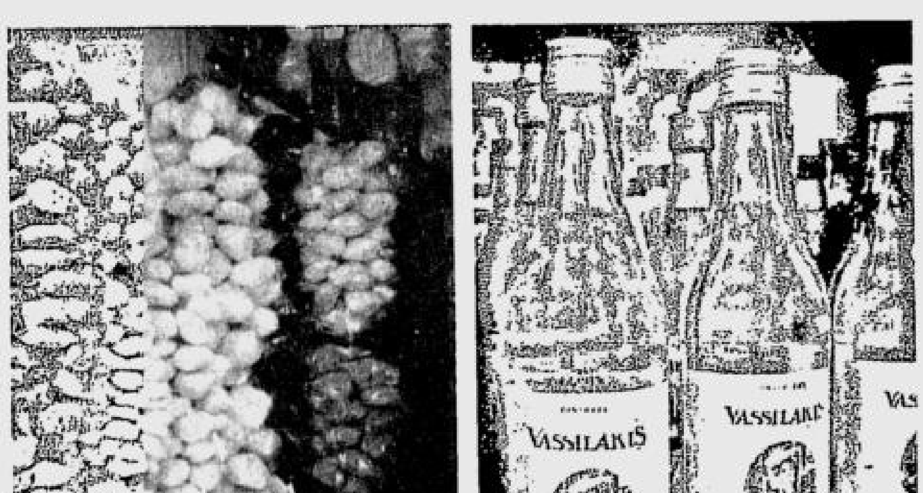
6 **Nokia 6630**—My new Nokia 6630 from Globe with its super clear camera and one hour video plus a band system, what else can this traveler need?

7 **Dual time watch**—Keeping tab with Manila time even if I am escaping is important. I just discovered the Timex Perpetual Calendar watch and I am more than satisfied. Style and function all in one.

8 **Driver's license**—This is essential if you want to cruise the islands on a moped. Get one now.

9 **Guide book**—In my opinion, the best guidebook in the world is the "D.K. Eyewitness Travel Guide." It's much more than a guidebook because "it shows you what others only tell you." It's available at all better bookstores.

10 **C-lium Fiber**—Keren introduced this gem of a thing. After all the incredible Greek food that I indulged in, I needed to de-clog and cleanse my system. It comes in travel sachets, so how fabulous is that!



OLIVES, olives, olives in all shapes, sizes and permutations

TAPESTRIES to salivate over

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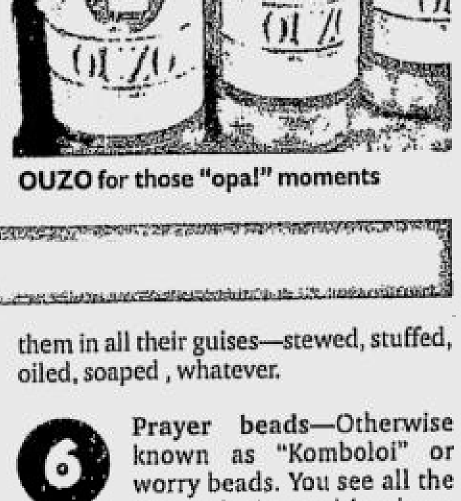

OUZO for those "opa!" moments

10 absolute best buys

1 **Icons**—The beauty of the icons are really magical. The Byzantine quality is so intricate and dream-like. It is not permitted to carry antique icons of any kind out of Greece. That being the case, make do with beautiful reproductions.

2 **Leather sandals**—It is almost a sin not to get Greek gladiator sandals. With all the rage for Greek-inspired fashion today, it's really the perfect buy, to wear with a summer dress or cut-off shorts.

3 **Natural sponges**—With Greece's close proximity to the water, natural sponges are so abundant and their prices, spectacular at 2 or 3 Euros per.

4 **Ouzo**—This Greek liquor beverage is really yummy. Think of a licorice candy mixed with fine rum and all you end up saying is "opa."

5 **Olives**—For some reason, the olives in this part of the world are so succulent and juicy. Get them in all their guises—stewed, stuffed, oiled, soaped , whatever.

6 **Prayer beads**—Otherwise known as "Komboloi" or worry beads. You see all the men playing with them. With glass beads and metal detail, they look great hanging from a lamp post.

7 **Tapestries**—Although on the pricey side, their workmanship is breathtaking. I am a re-

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al sucker for handmade embroidery and I fell madly in love with these works of art.

⑧ **Jewelry**—Adornments have long been a Greek specialty and the choices were so abundant. My pick would have to be the crosses. Buy one and consider dangling it from a leather chord. Very chic indeed!

⑨ **Baklava**—This Mediterranean dessert made from nuts, honey and wheat is really the best treat. Best taken with a hot cup of tea.

⑩ **Coins**—Greece is a virtual haven for coin collectors, who can pick from the different eras in history, even from the time of Alexander the Great.

5 must-not-miss stores in Greece

1 **Martinos** at 24 Pindarou Street, 10673 Athens, Greece (tel 210-3609449, fax 210-3390907)

Owner Dimitri Melas said the shop is more than 100 years old. They stock up on the most beautiful icons and art pieces that it's almost unbearable to leave the store. The Filipino sales person was also very helpful. (Her name's Mely)

2 **Tonino** at 9 Makiraghanni St., Athens, Greece (tel 210-9240916)

Just across the foot of the Parthenon is a tiny jewels work shop where Mr. Tonino can create masterpieces right before your very eyes. I loved his pieces of bugs and spiders—perfect for souvenirs.

3 **To Palaiopoleio Antique shop** on New Peripherical Road, Mykonos (tel 302-2890-28438; e-mail: stepap@otenet.gr)

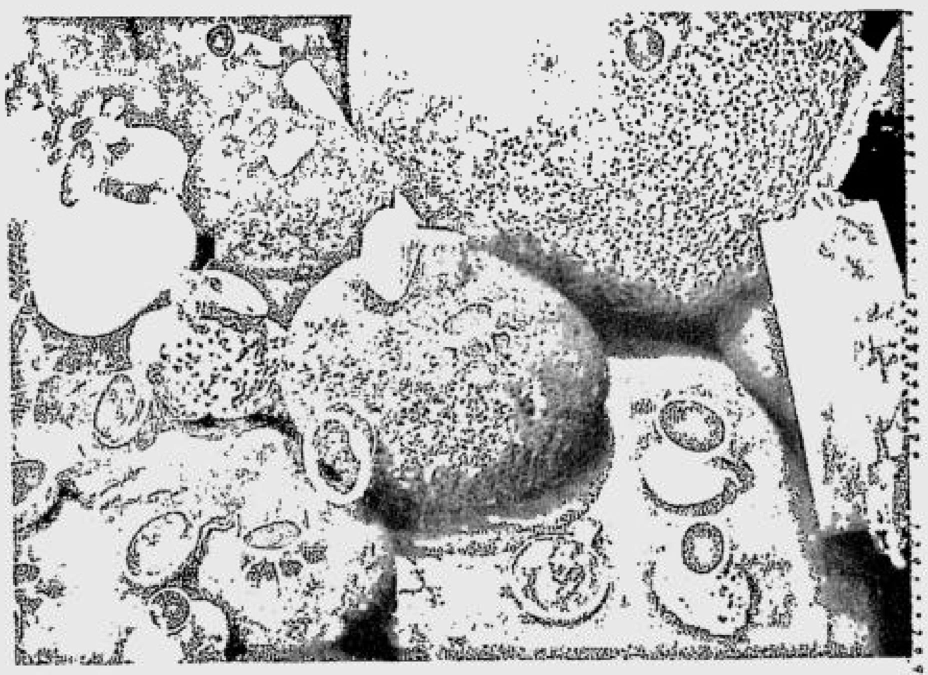
This antique shop located on the isle of Mykonos has the best selection of pieces that are slightly worn out, with the sun and sea faded patina of shabby chic. Mafia, the owner, is always there to help you polish up on your Martha Stewart aesthetic.

4 **Traditional Greek Work** at 56 Apollonos St., Delphi 33084 (tel. 0030-226508-2390; e-mail fellasor@yahoo.com)

This store is so amazing I wanted ship it whole back home. This is the place to get handmade tapestries. The cast iron pieces are also breathtaking. The owner is quite helpful in informing you what the pieces are and where they are from. I also loved the antique costumes available. The store is in Delphi- a lovely swigs-like mountain region 5 hours out of Athens.

5 **Melissinos Art** at 2 Aghias Theklas (tel 011/30-210-321-9247; website: www.melissinos.com)

This place for the best sandals in Greece! has been featured in major fashion publications like Vogue and Wile. Mr. Stavros Melissinos, also a renowned poet whose words are just as lovely as his sandals, has shod the soles of beautiful people like Sophia Loren and the Beatles. The day we visited, he and his son Pantellis fitted me while I waited for my sandals. At a super low price of 23 Euros, it's money well spent.


LOVE the bugs and insect motif at Tonino

SAMPLE of products at To Palaiopoleio

MELISSINOS
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STAVROS Melissinos, sandal-maker and poet extraordinaire

LOOK, they even have flatirons that we fill with charcoal in the Philippines!

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We are indeed lucky to have a land that is undoubtedly an exciting arena for

adventure. Foreigners need to get on a plane before they can set foot on our playground. But we only need the best adventure gear to consume all the action waiting for us right at our doorstep.

And when it comes to world-renowned adventure equipment, we are blessed as well. Especially with the arrival of the VOLVO XC90, Motor Trend's Best SUV in 2003. Plus this year, VOLVO got the Best Safety Package award for the XC90 T6 given by the Car Awards Group Inc. in the First Car of the Year awards in the Philippines.

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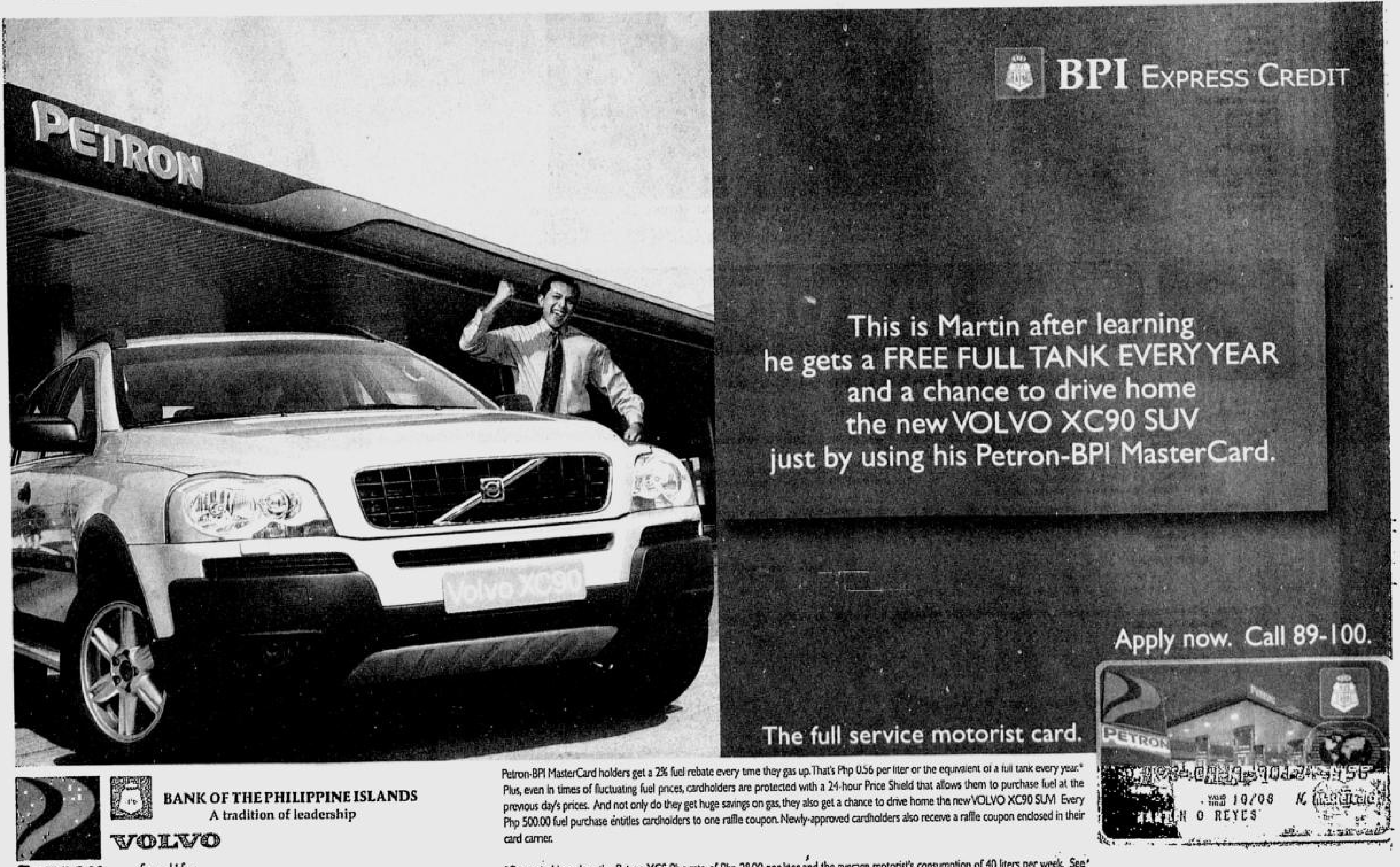

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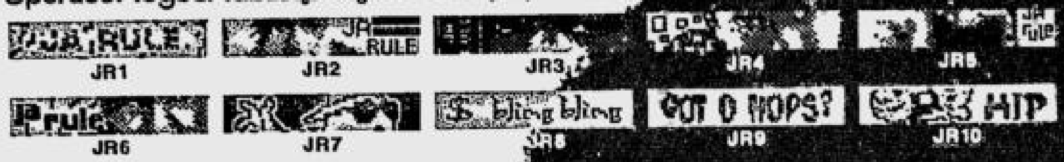

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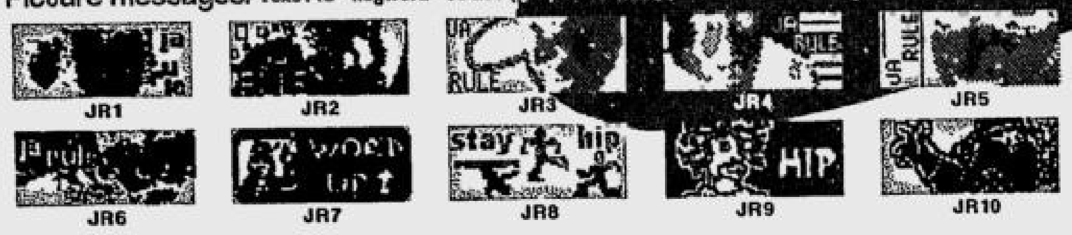

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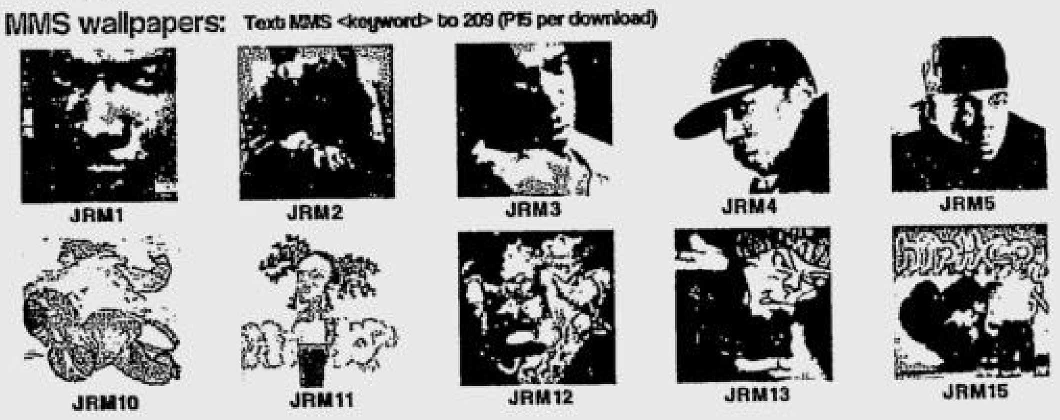

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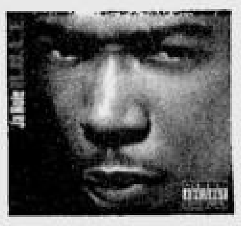

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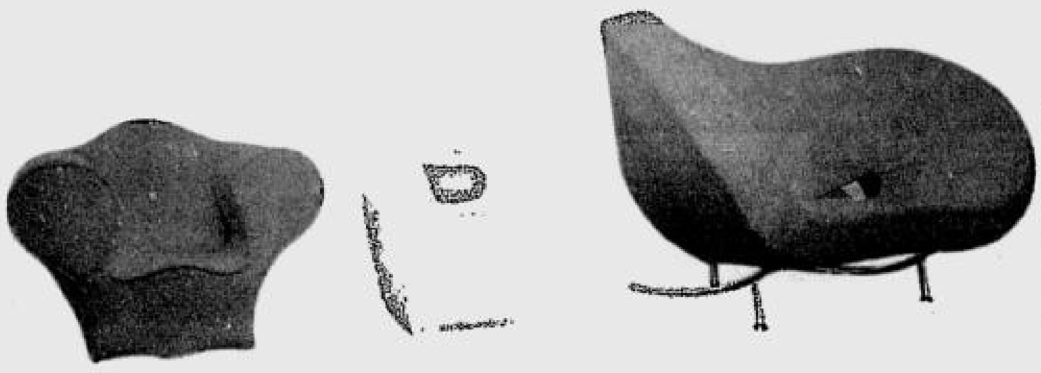

AMONG the featured pieces in the Alumnae section are Soft Little Easy by Ron Arad, Little Albert and Victoria & Albert sofa, all from Italy.

Four themes, one store

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Joseph Agcaoili

AFTER A YEAR in hibernation, furniture and interior designer Ito Kish is back as creative director and chief executive officer of the premier home store in Greenbelt named after him.

> Kish recently underwent a 15-day renovation to pave the way for its grand relaunching

Kish, the home store, recently underwent a 15-day renovation to pave the way for its relaunching two weeks ago. The result is a more shopper-friendly store with mostly new merchandise from the world over, grouped into four themes and pavilions: Alumnae, Apprentice, Bazaar and Sanctuary.

Each pavilion is further distinguished by vivid color schemes splashed on the store's previously all-white walls. In the case of the Sanctuary, which overlooks busy Makati Avenue below, the section devoted to cocooning is set off from the rest of the store by screens and circular wooden dividers.

Despite packing the new store with more items clustered mostly in the Bazaar and Apprentice sections (Kish's vases and serving trays, for one, come in an astounding variety of shapes, sizes, colors and makes), Ito and his team have made it a point to set aside ample space to display classic furniture pieces designed by such legends as Charles and Ray Eames, Philippe Starck and Frank Gehry, among others.

Thus, distinctive (if a bit expensive) chairs you often only get to see in glossy interior design

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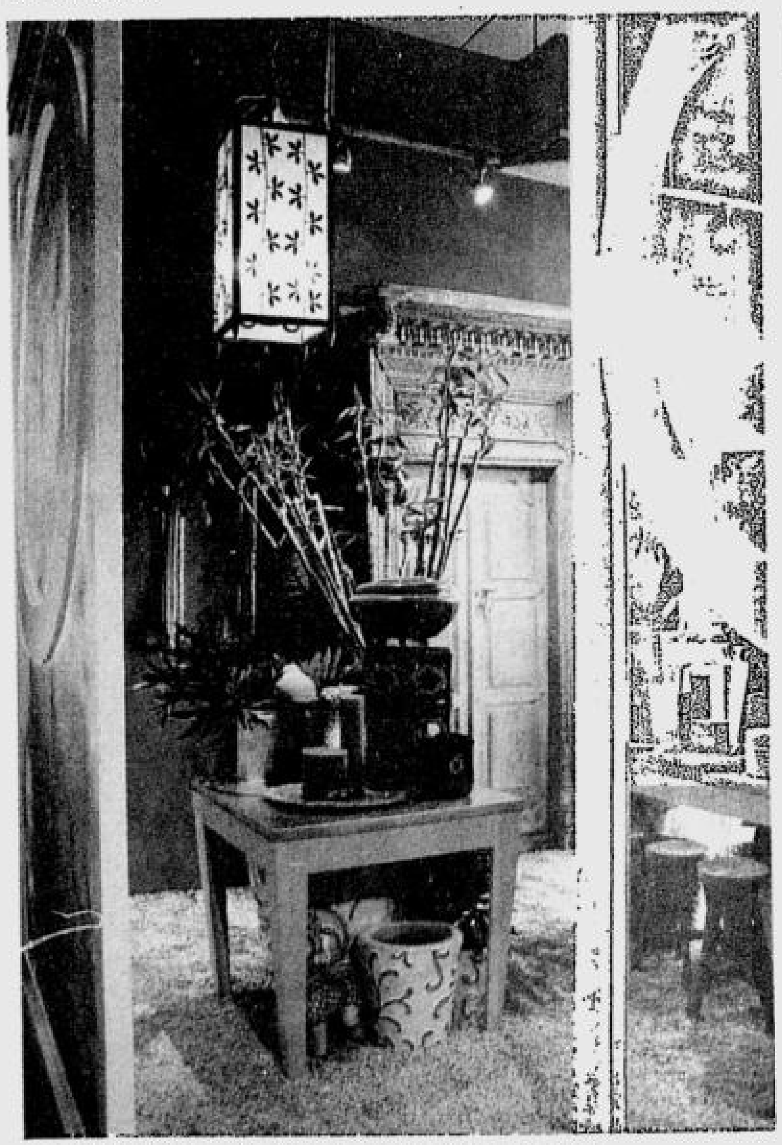
SMALL Moroccan table with opaque vases in rose, rose-green and two-tone



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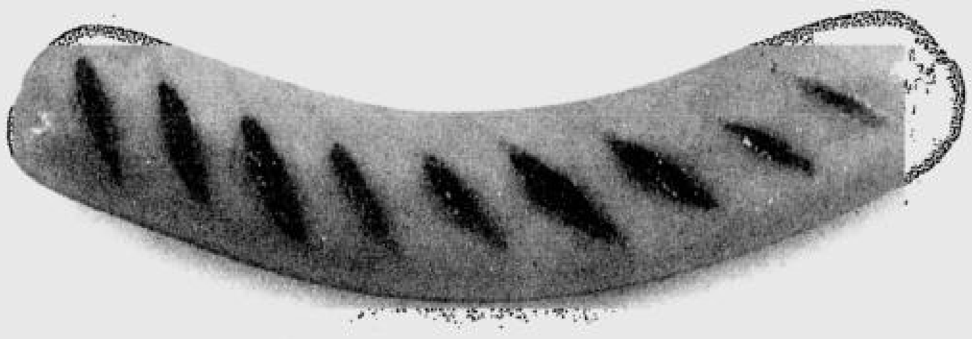

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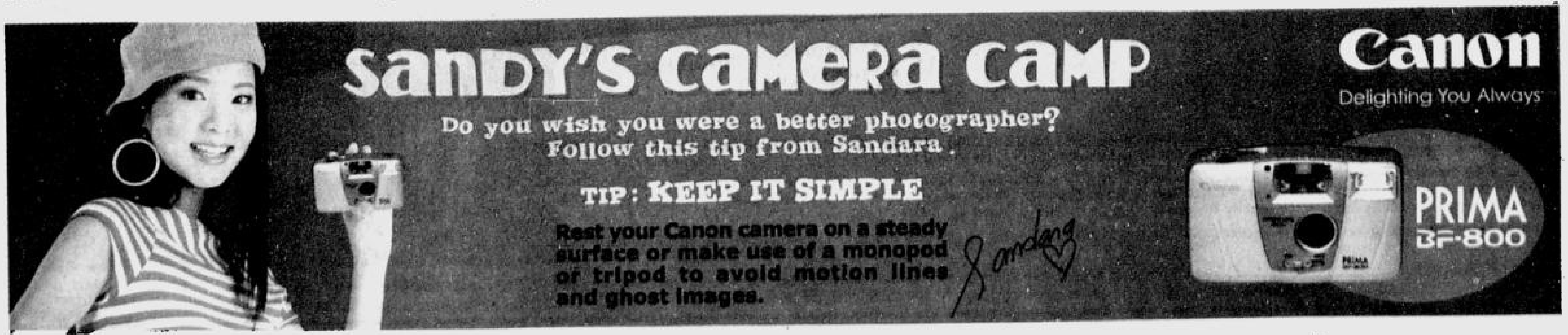

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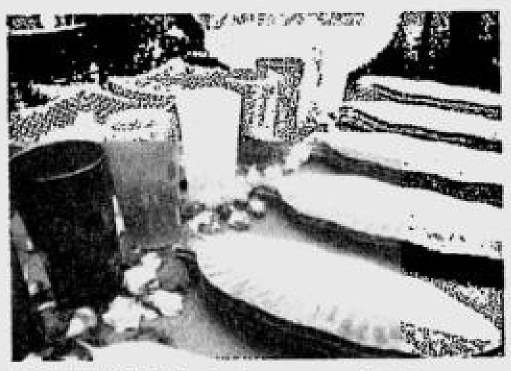
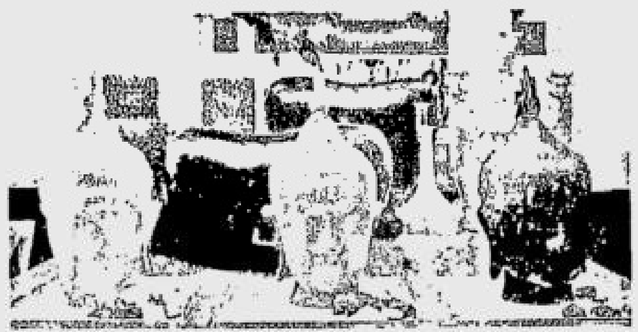
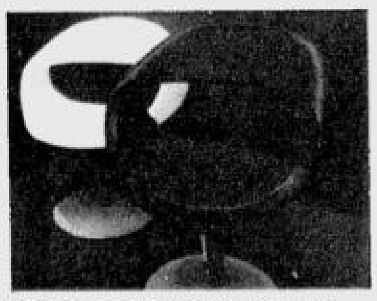


BAZAAR finds include opaque glasses from The Netherlands and Philippine-made cast aluminum food containers in leaf design, fiberglass bowl with fabric inlay and durian-inspired resin bowl.



RESIN Buddha heads and pebble chair, glass-leaf votive lamps (Egypt) and glass vases (The Netherlands)



SLEEK and affordable chairs in the Apprentice section

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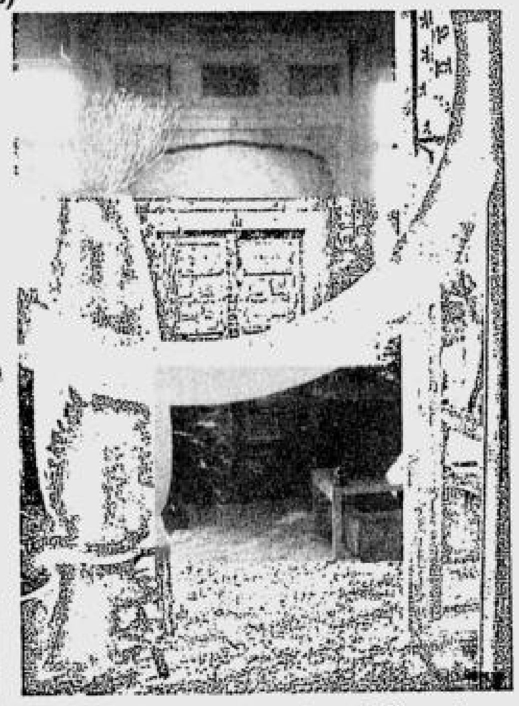

ANTIQUE wooden doors from India and huge vases and plant holders from the world over

Four themes, one store

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magazines are either set on platforms or suspended on walls like museum pieces in the Alumnae area. Each piece comes with brief information to further stimulate the customer's interest. More affordable furniture pieces are featured in the Apprentice area.

Such features set Kish apart from most home stores in the country, says Ito. To him, it isn't simply a matter of crowding every available space with merchandise. It's also a matter of arranging each piece in such a way that they form cohesive but exciting showcases designed to inspire and educate others.

At the risk of sounding snobbish, Ito can't see himself settling for the plain or the humdrum. Kish, for instance, doesn't get items from Thailand anymore. Most of the items the store sells now come from Europe, with a sprinkling here and there of Chinese-made products.

High-end merchandise

But everyone, he insists, is welcome to marvel at Kish's high-end merchandise as well as its more affordable pieces.

"We always make it a point to keep our mix of merchandise interesting," he adds. "At the same time, we feel that it's our responsibility to expose Filipinos to the latest trends in home furnishing and accessories sweeping the world today. I also want their visit to be a learning experience [for them]."

It doesn't matter to Ito if people leave his store empty-handed. As long as they come out of it loaded with ideas about the countless possibilities they can do to their homes in the future, then he feels he has already done his job.

Besides, with the numerous items Kish carries, it's next to impossible to leave the store without finding something you fancy. The temptation to splurge (or at least add to your wish list) is further bolstered by the fact that minimalism and the *terno* (matching) look Filipino homeowners religiously subscribed to not too long ago are now out.

"Redecorating your home isn't as costly as it used to," says Ito. "Since people nowadays are no longer bound by so many rules, you can easily combine new stuff with old ones. Some people have had enough of minimalism. I'm not saying that you go the other way. What I provide are ideas as to how you can put things together. It's up to you to decide."

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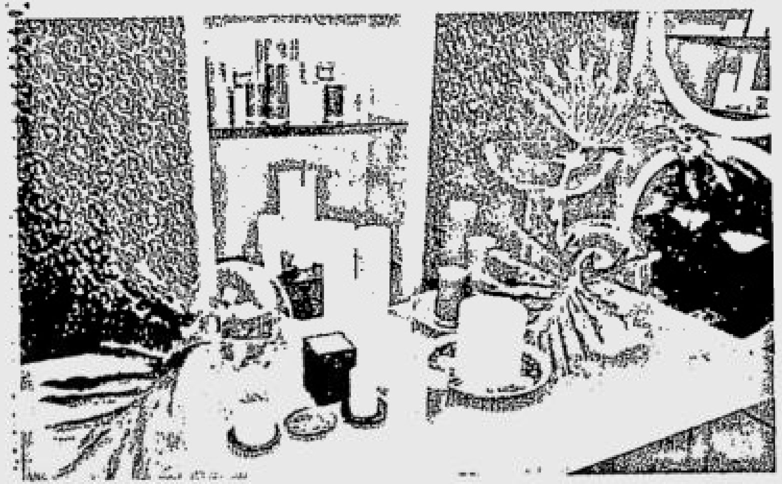
CANDLE holders and votive containers to brighten up dark corners



CANDLES and accent dishes of various sizes in the Bazaar area

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CHAPTER 10: Affairs and Affiliations

So Pipo, the security guard, is Jeng's father. That explains clearly now why he said that Jerson "used" people. This young man waltzed into his daughter's life, got her pregnant when he had no intention of marrying her. You begin to understand the anger and disappointment that Pipo must feel, but at the same time, you recognize that it is precisely these feelings that can drive people—even decent fathers—to do the most deplorable of crimes. Recalling Jerson's lifeless body, you think about Jerson's mother, and the anger she must feel as well.

How far would this father go to defend the honor of his daughter? Being the security supervisor manning the door, he'd know the perfect time to lure Jerson to a deserted parking lot. Perhaps he had told him that he left his car lights on or needed to move his car? Once Jerson was outside, a little groggy, all it would take is just a few seconds…

You take note of this possibility but meanwhile, you learn that Jerson's death has sparked a lot of controversy and somehow people have begun thinking that the young man Cynthia is allegedly having an affair with was Jerson.

WHAT IS THE TRUTH?

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Q7 Who is the Melissa that Cynthia mentions during her interview?

- A. Cynthia's business partner
- B. Jerson's mother
- C. A regular Purple Pear patron
- D. Vivienne's grandmother
- E. Cynthia's aunt

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Dangerous plan couched in noble words

SEEING GREEN

Doris Gaskell Nuyda

WHAT is worse than cutting down trees in a forest? Answer: cutting up a forest, especially a forest reserve.

Unbelievable as that may seem, that's exactly what will happen if House Bill No. 3005 is passed. This particular bill starts out with a noble purpose. It wants to give a small portion of the Makiling Forest Reserve (MFR) to the Boy Scouts of the Philippines. It would be noble, to be sure, if there wasn't already a site allocated for BSP use called the Boy Scouts of the Philippines Jamboree Site.

But apparently, the bill seeks more than space because it also calls for handing over complete control and jurisdiction of the site to the BSP. This naturally puzzles the University of the Philippines Los Baños (its officials, staff and community) which, decades ago, was mandated by law to maintain, conserve and protect the Makiling Forest Reserve.

While they recognize "the contribution of BSP in molding our youth into responsible citizens," they contend that putting one section of the MFR under the control of an entity other than the UPLB, is not an example of "responsible citizenship," but rather, of divisiveness.

Unpatriotic

In these days when our forests and watersheds are dwindling, the bill is even unpatriotic.

The UPLB enumerates several reasons why such a division, no matter how small, should not be allowed. Incidentally, this is not the first time that an attempt is made to slice up the forest reserve, but there have always been wise heads who saw the folly of such a move and stopped it.

"The integrity of the Makiling Forest Reserve must be preserved," UPLB says. "It is a natural heritage and one of the few remaining forest reserves in the country." It cites the number of moss, algae, fungi, mammal, bird, reptile and amphibian species it has identified there, and so many more yet to be discovered.

The MFR is recognized locally and internationally for its ecological importance: it is one of 18 centers of plant diversity; an extremely high biodiversity conservation area; and a well-known bird site.

The UPLB, the country's premier academic institution, is tasked with looking after the conservation of natural resources, being the most qualified to do the job. Parceling out the MFR will only result in fragmentation, loss of habitats and destruction of natural resources. This is hardly conservation.

Critical watershed

Another point UPLB raises: the MFR is a critical watershed area supplying water to Calamba City, Los Baños and Bay in Laguna; as well as Sto. Tomas and Tanauan in Batangas, which are among the most populated areas outside of Metro Manila. Opening up even a small portion of the MFR to an organization that does not have the expertise to maintain and protect it will only threaten those watersheds.

From where we sit, it is obvious that even if such expertise exists, dividing an area and handing over its administration and control to a second party is in no way the best practice. It will surely affect the agriculture, aquaculture, domestic water supply, industrial parks, development of hydro-geothermal power in the areas dependent on the watersheds, not to mention the tourism industry.

There is also the fact that Makiling serves as a huge sink that absorbs the pollutants and carbon in the air, improving quality of air while regulating the temperature and relative humidity in the city and towns surrounding it. Trees and other vegetation provide a mantle of protection by tempering the environment and mitigating the effects of global warming.

Then, too, the MFR protects against catastrophic floods like those in Ormoc, Leyte and Aurora and Infanta in Quezon not too long ago. The College of Forestry and Natural Resources of the UPLB is well recognized for its consistent and efficient work to ensure that such tragedies do not occur in Makiling.

Threat of calamities

That is why there is grave concern that without proper action from a unified source, such calamities could occur. This concern is doubled in the face of existing conditions at the BSP Jamboree Site. UPLB mentions the presence of illegal settlers in the area who have built structures despite regulations against them, a problem that BSP has not been able to resolve. If such a problem cannot be handled properly, UPLB asks, how much less flash flood prevention?

The importance of the MFR from the academic viewpoint is also too great to dismiss. The Reserve supports UPLB's research and development activities, not only in forestry but also studies on species from which food, medicine, essential oils and raw materials for handicrafts are derived. Its function as a training laboratory for students in the different disciplines offered by the university is part and parcel of its mandate, and has made it a valuable source of information and experience in forest protection.

UPLB's concluding statement raises the most important consideration of all: "Whatever the merit of making part of the MFR a permanent BSP site, it cannot supersede the more critical need to preserve and conserve the integrity of the Makiling Forest Reserve to promote public welfare and national interest."

In other words, the forest reserve is not only for the use of a particular organization, no matter how worthy it is, but of the country as a whole.

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DORIE Bernabe, vice president of the Ikenobo Ikebana Society of Manila, displays the Shimputai Rikka during the recent Ikebana International exhibit at Edsa Shangri-La Plaza Mall in Mandaluyong City. With her is Serapion S. Metilla, president of the Ikenobo Ikebana Society of Manila, also an officer of Ikebana International Manila Chapter 108.

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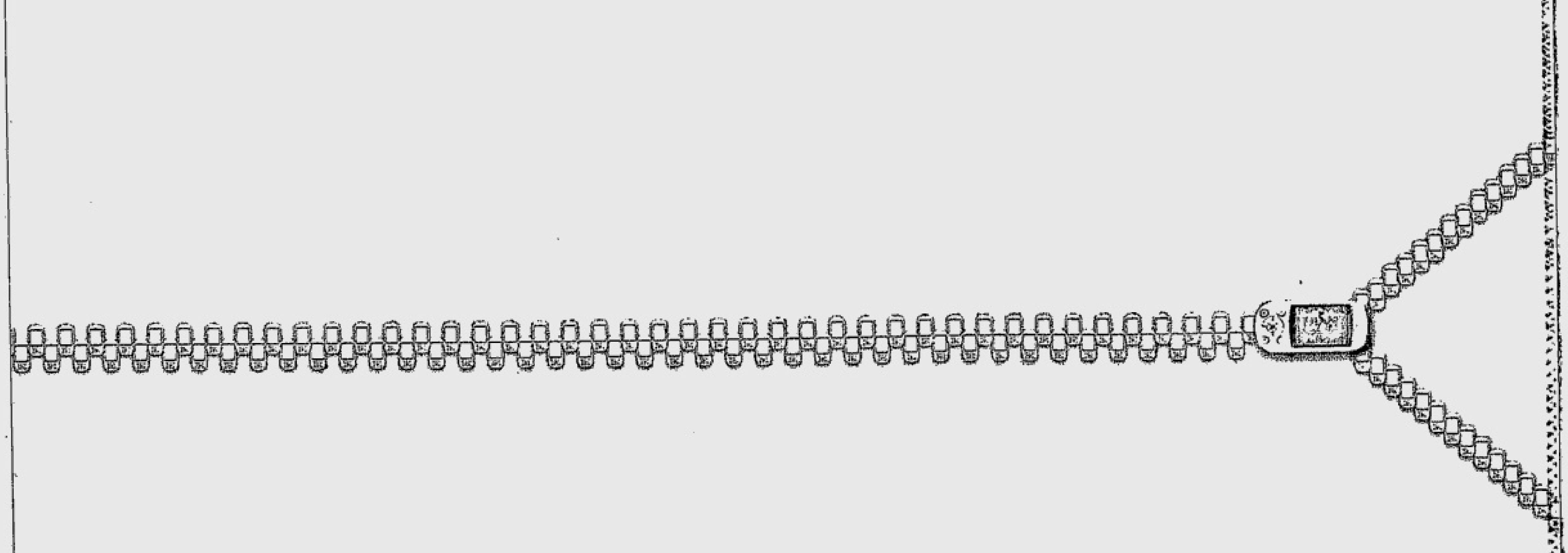

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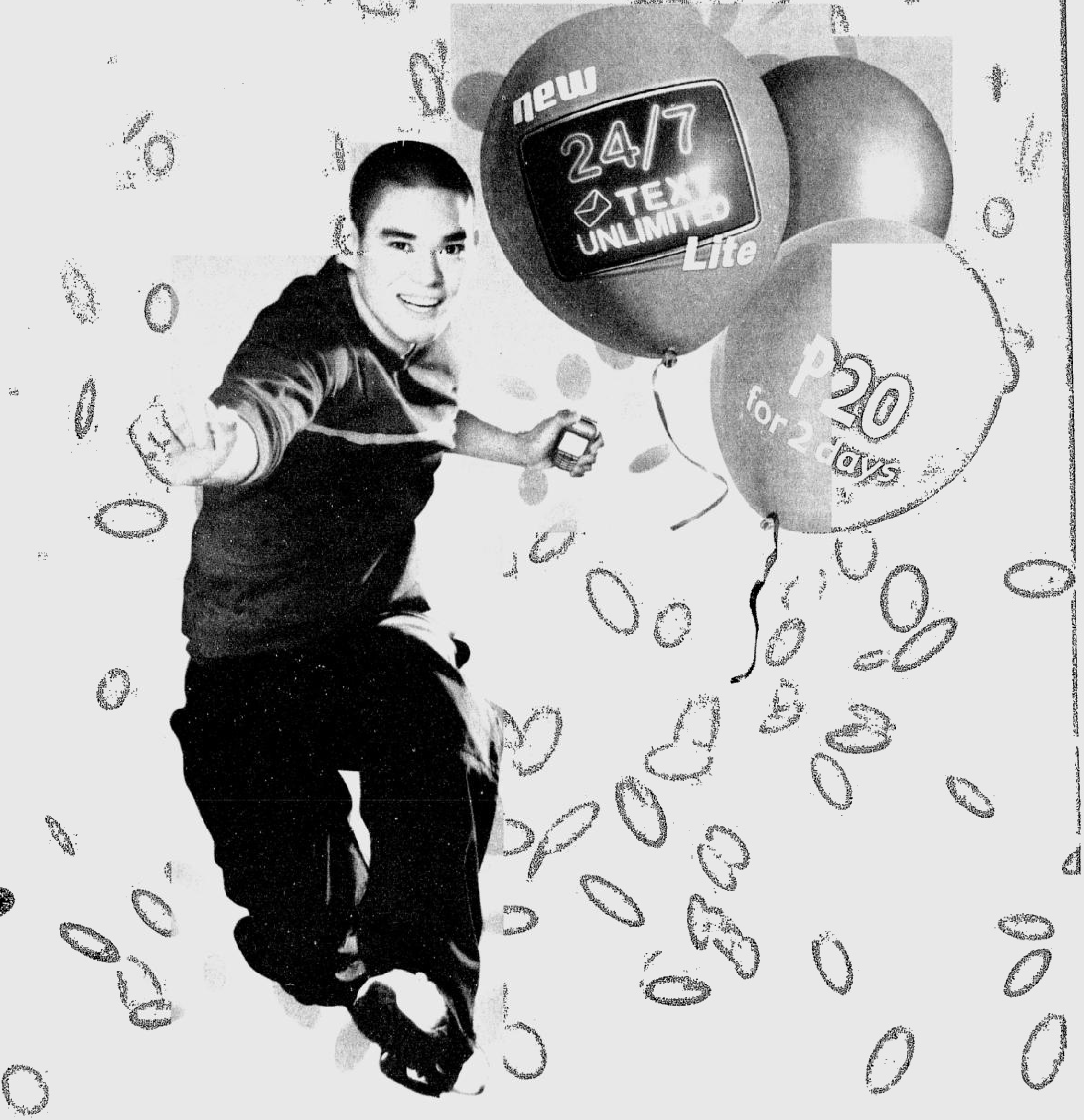

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TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

IF THERE is one thing women love with the same intensity as shopping and jewelry, it's cars. Though we don't fancy watching Formula 1 races, wondering what thrill there could be in speeding through the same track lap after lap, we do appreciate any fine car with its elegant dashboard and leather upholstery.

Men assess cars so differently from women. They consider the engine's performance and features like xenon lights, CD changers and mag wheels. They also evaluate safety stuff like airbags, alarms and child locks. And their most pressing issue in the end is still price.

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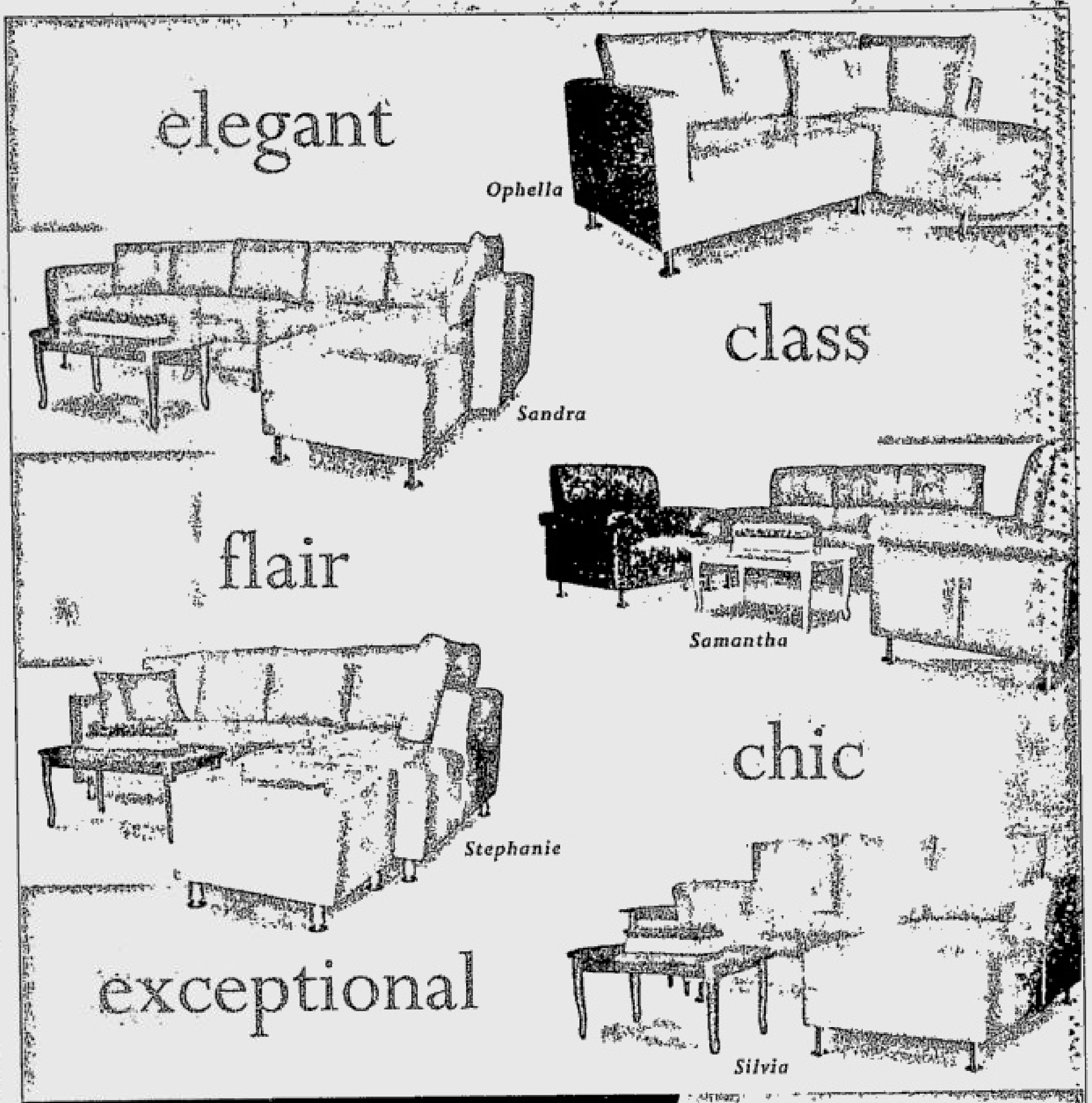

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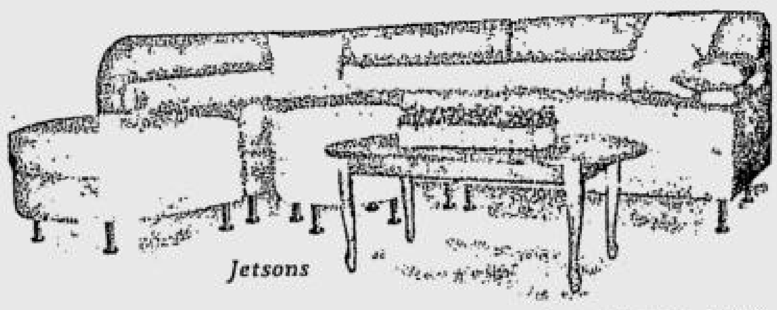

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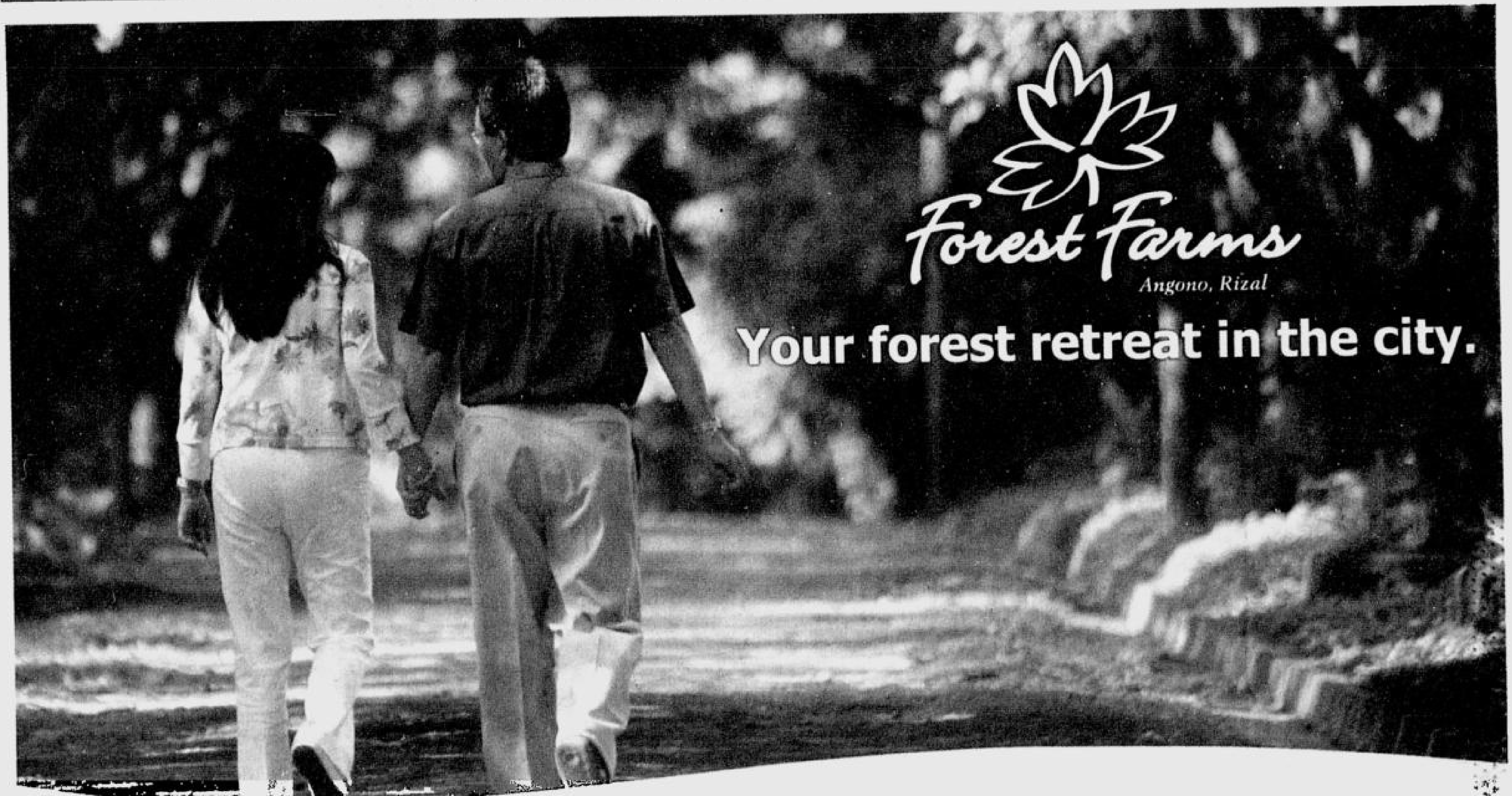

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Fast cars, fab fashion and foreign food

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matches the interior), the location of the cup holder for our decaf lattes and the brightness of the overhead mirror light for makeup purposes.

Everything else is secondary, unless we are discussing the family van, in which case a DVD system to block off the unruly sounds of the arguing kids becomes a necessary option.

SHOW-BIZ guests Iya Villania and Luis Alandy

GREEK Famous cruisers Leah Puyat and John Prats

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FAMILY evening. Marilyn and Titoy Pardo with grandson Sandro

ELEGANT ladies Emily Lopez and Yaying Dragon with Pitoy Moreno

L'OREAL PR Leica Carpo, Charito Aguilar and Saki Guzman

From years back when it seemed the only car choices were Toyota or Ford, the local car market has expanded tremendously. Monday last week, Chrysler was partying at the NBC Tent on the same night BMW was introducing the new 3 Series at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel.

Male crowd

CATS Motors introduced the Chrysler 300C, Town & Country and Dodge Durango in a packed event organized by PR giant **Keren Pascual.** The predominantly male crowd—influential, business-sector types and show-biz car aficionados—was impressed with the features of the three models.

I simply sat inside the 300C and instantly loved the smell of the all-leather interiors and the state-of-the-art paneling with its cool, subtle, dashboard lighting. This is a must-have car for the gold-chain-festooned rap star.

For family-van shoppers, do check out the Chrysler Town & Country. Driving one is like posting an "I-am-taken" sign in the window, so bachelors—don't get too taken with the bedroom-sized seating and storage areas.

As written in Philippine Tatler, one of the Top 10 places to find a successful man in is at a car show, and the simultaneous car launches proved that theory. The only ladies I saw were sexy promo girls, so all you single women out there—do not fail to attend future car shows.

I bumped into Finance Secretary **Cesar Purisima** that night and wondered if he was eyeing the muscle car or the sedate van. I used to try and set him up with several of my friends but he told me he is finally getting hitched this October. Well, there goes another of the remaining workaholic bachelors off the singles market.

Since my husband **Dennis** and I are temporarily less mobile than we used to be, we now split up for multiple events rather than try to cover all. He went to the Shang, to mingle with the BMW crowd salivating over the new 3 Series. His metal back brace just came off two weeks ago, although his back is still tender. He reported that the BMW event was mostly men getting in touch with their inner teenager, mentally pushing that piece of German steel to its pulsating maximum along our Philippine autobahns.

Maybe the BMW event wasn't the place for single women to be on the hunt, as the men were all distracted by the testosterone-fueled machines on display.

Spectacular gowns

That Monday night, my designer guru/social partner **Rajo Laurel** and I still managed to cover three events. From the NBC Tent, we headed to the 4th Metro Weddings featuring **Cesar Gaupo**'s Bridal Collection at the breezy poolside of InterContinental Manila.

We arrived just in time to see Cesar's creations in voluminous heavy silk bursting in jewel colors like emerald and turquoise. His black evening gowns were just as spectacular, using a variety of materials from jersey, beaded tulle and chiffon. Cesar's stint with Shanghai Tang has refined his craft and he is now even more brilliant.

Watching fashion shows of our very talented Filipino designers makes me proud that we can produce quality, original works, so I salute the **Espino** brothers for their tireless efforts to make our country the hub of Asian fashion.

Also at the recently completed Fashion Week, I found that one of the long jackets of colorful designer **Peter Lim** was exactly to my taste, so I asked him to create another, shorter one for me. It is great to note how the fashion sector of our economy is moving forward instead of remaining stagnant.

Pleasant surprise

My last affair that evening was a dinner at Gaudi's, where I met up with Dennis after the events we separately attended. The dinner was in honor of **Javier Moll**, a Spanish newspaper magnate, who was visiting the country with his wife **Arantza** and children **Aitor** and **Ainhoa**.

Javier is looking to invest in our country, another positive signal that our country is heading up, slowly but surely.

It was a pleasant surprise that the food in this tiny restaurant on the cinema level of Greenbelt 4 had so many *tapas* and dishes which were uniquely Spanish and so different from the usual paella dishes. And despite all the food they served, I still had a little space for the wonderful desserts.

Speaking of food, I notice that I have been eating more frequently since last month. I just discovered Unsui Japanese Restaurant of the Century Park Hotel. On the invitation of its communications manager **Toti Palileo**, three of my Assumption friends and I headed to that side of town to try out the restaurant.

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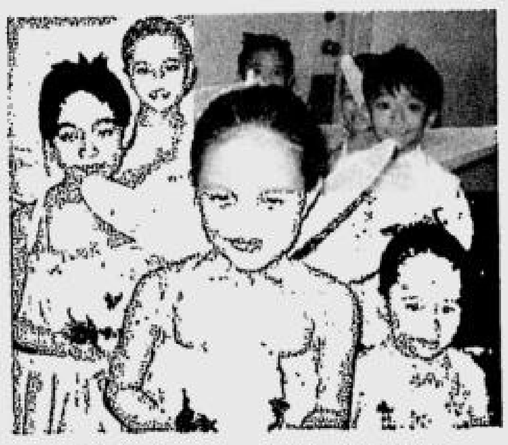
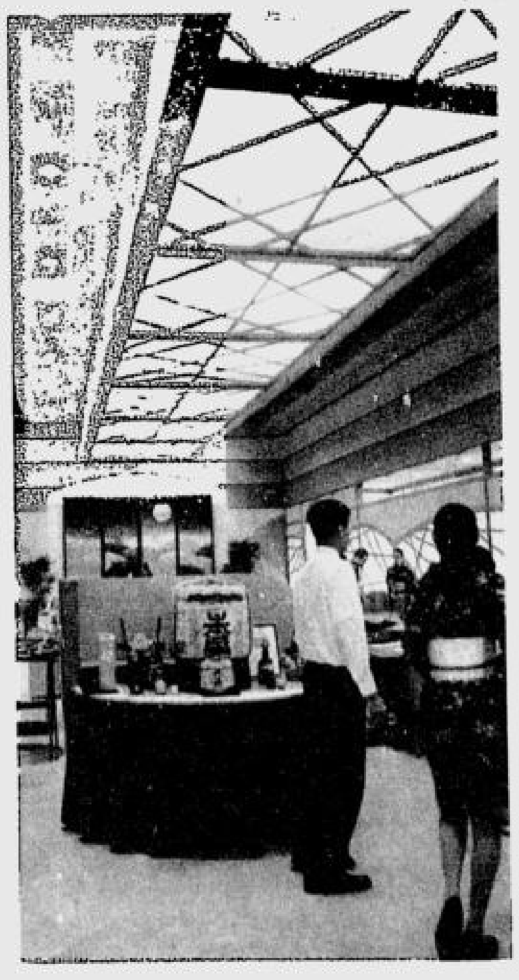
CENTURY Park Hotel GM Paul Gill and Toti Palileo at Unsui Japanese Restaurant

TALENT manager Arnold Vegafria, Marie Gutierrez of "Look Who's Talking" and Willie Revillame


CUTE fairies in white at Metro Weddings


STYLISH interiors of Unsui Restaurant at Century Park Hotel

CAR ENTHUSIASTS Toti and Tony Turralba

CAR ADDICTS Santi and Manny Dimaculangan

It was a gastronomic feast of interesting appetizers like soft-shell crab wrapped in seaweed, assorted sushi and grilled dishes like Gindara teriyaki. Interestingly, the resto's new chef is **Shinji Furukawa**, who used to be with the very popular Japanese restaurant of the Hyatt Manila in the '90s.

Since the Century Park is owned by taipan **Lucio Tan**, the only sodas it served were from Asia Brewery. That evening, we also discovered Virgin soda, available in three flavors. My brother-in-law always orders a Coke for his dessert. I shall recommend for him to try Virgin soda, which might be available only at Unsui Restaurant.

Between fast cars, fab fashion and foreign food, it's been a great week to be living in our country. I can hardly wait for next week!

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Magic Man

Talk 'N Text Congratulates Efren "Bata" Reyes

For a man who has carried an entire sport on his shoulders, Efren "Bata" Reyes seems pretty laid back. Universally considered one of the top billiards players ever, "Bata" recently won the most recent leg of the San Miguel Asian Nine Ball Tournament in Jakarta, Indonesia. His love for the sport is clear, as he has been playing now for nearly 42 years. It is also quite clear that Bata hasn't let any of his success get to his head.

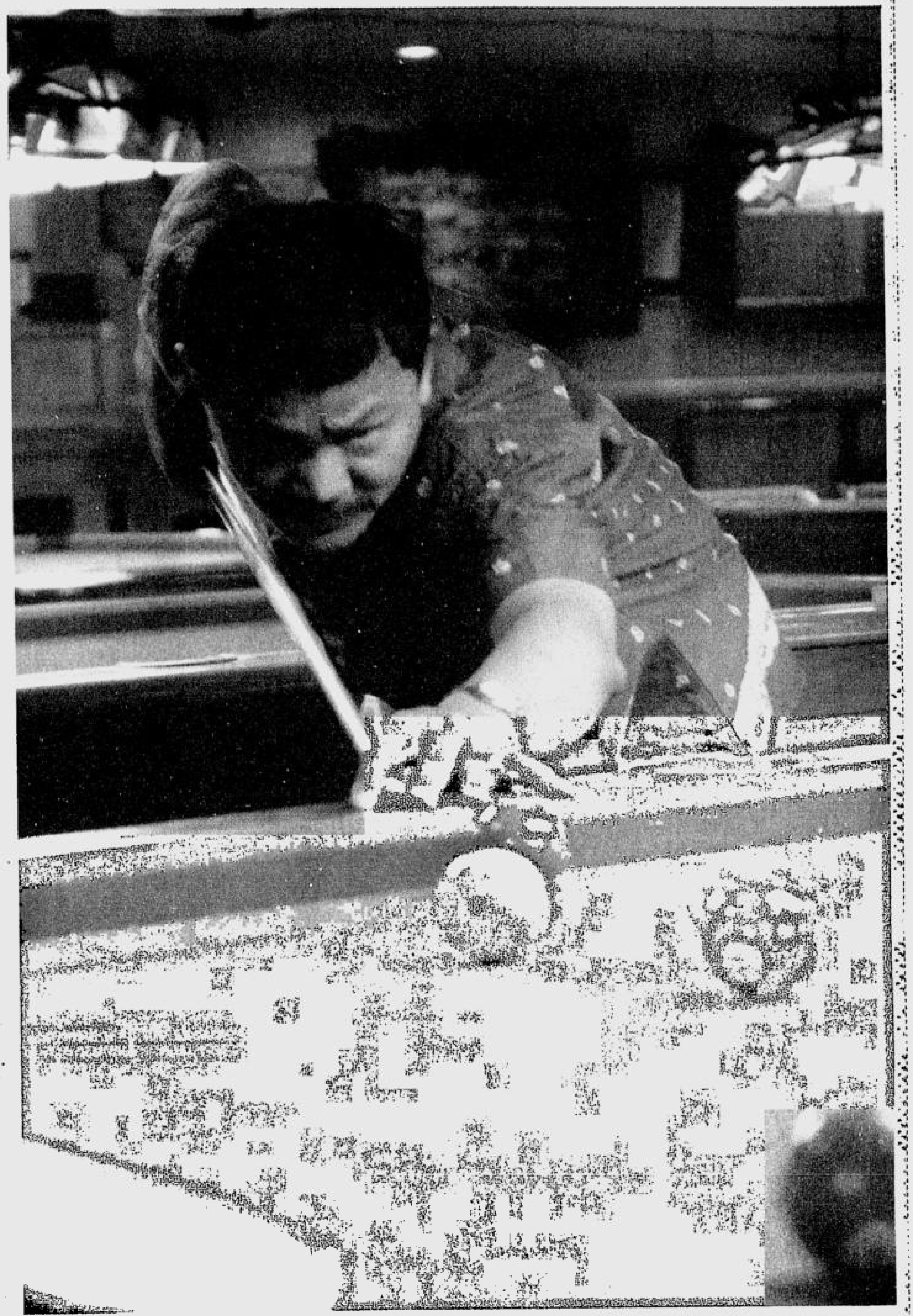
Talk 'N Text salutes "The Magician" Efren Reyes for his latest victory, and for once again bringing pride to the Philippines. In a tight finals race with Yang Ching Shun of Taiwan, Efren emerged with his fifth Asian Nine Ball Tour win, three more than his closest rival. For his continued excellence in this sport, and for always serving as an inspiration to millions of Filipinos worldwide, Talk 'N Text is proud to welcome Efren "Bata" Reyes into their fold.

After being inducted into the Billiard Congress of America Hall of Fame, Efren expressed surprise at the honor, as he thought only Americans were ever inducted. This was just another case of Efren breaking down the walls for Filipinos and for billiards on a grander stage. "I've been playing billiards since I was 8 years old," he says in Filipino. "Back then, parents were discouraging kids from playing billiards. They thought it was just something you played on street corners." Now, pool halls and billiards tables have never been more popular. It would be no exaggeration to state that Efren's rise to billiards supremacy coincided with the sport's rise in popularity.

As his game continued to develop, his name became legendary. "I couldn't even hustle players in the U.S. anymore," he says with a chuckle. This notoriety mixed with fame brought in more and more sponsors for Efren, and billiards even began to be televised on primetime television. From Wales to Las Vegas, Kaohsiung to Manila, the name of Efren "The Magician" Reyes has called to mind images of a lean man making magical shots when they seem impossible, and of the Philippine flag being displayed proudly on his chest.

It isn't everyday that one meets a national icon. Efren is quite aware of how many people count on him to win when he plays, and it isn't easy. "They expect me to win every time, so I get nervous too," he narrates. "A lot of people pray for me to win and it puts pressure on me. But it's alright. I'm proud of what billiards has become and I'm glad that Talk 'N Text is helping me to stay competitive both here and abroad." You can now receive text updates from "The Magician" by keying in BATA and sending to 326.

When somebody mentioned that boxing great Manny Pacquiao (who is also supported by Talk 'N Text) might challenge him to a game some time, Efren flashed a big smile and said "If we play billiards, Manny can hit one less ball than I'll have to," he began, laughingly adding "but I'll box him if only both his hands are tied behind his back." We can only hope that with both great Filipinos getting support from Talk 'N Text, that dream encounter might become a reality too.



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Efren receives a congratulatory call

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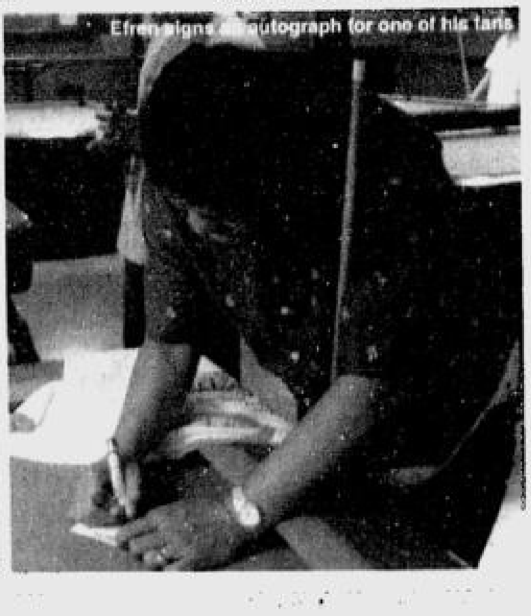
Lining up behind the 9-ball


Efren signs an autograph for one of his fans

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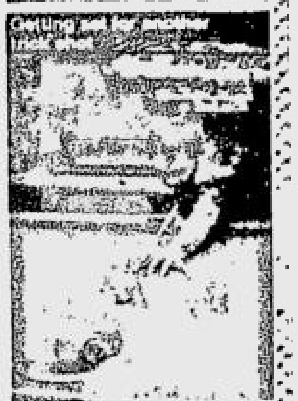

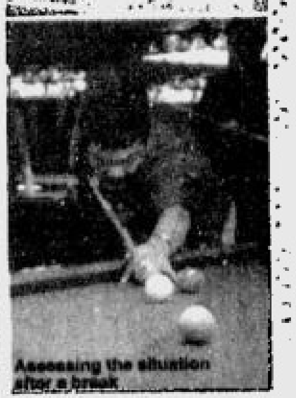
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CRISTOBAL-PRUDENTE

UPHR head coach and former PBA player **Bay Cristobal**, son of **Domingo** and **Felicitas Cristobal**, and **Charisse Prudente**, daughter of **Rose Marie** and **Paulo Prudente**, were married recently at Jaro Cathedral in Jaro, Iloilo City. Officiating priest was Fr. **Titus Prudente**. The bride wore a **Renee Salud** gown with a beaded bustier in oyster silk duchess satin. Reception was at Puerto Real Poolside.

PEDRAJA-TOLENTINO

Darlene Pedraja, daughter of **Nestor Bautista** and **Tessi Pedraja**, will marry **Alex Tolentino**, son of **Jose** and **Nora Tolentino**, on April 30, at Basilica Immaculada Conception, Batangas City. Reception will be at Ginazels Function Hall, Batangas.

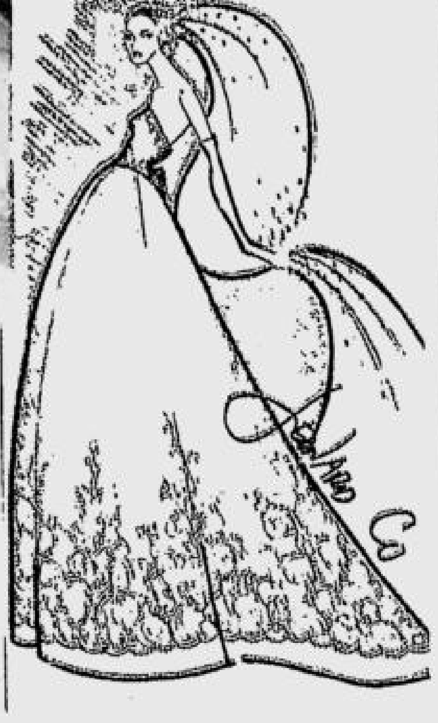
OCAMPO-GASPAR

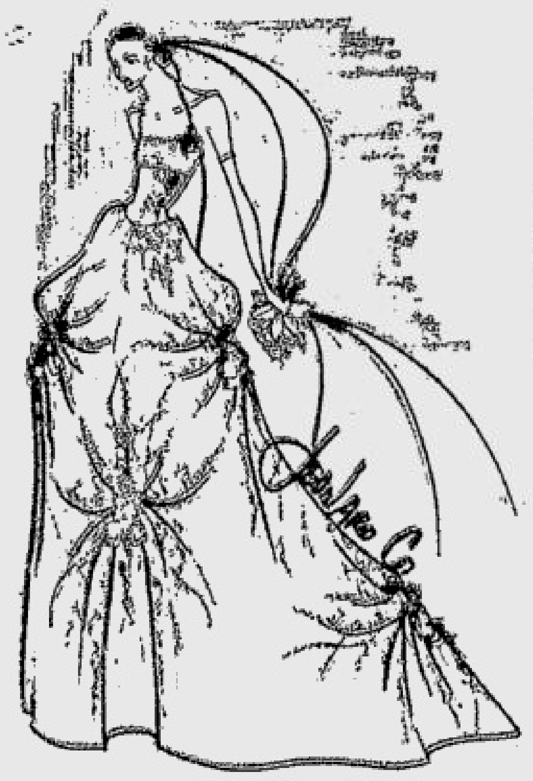
Edwin P. Ocampo, son of **Edilberto** (deceased) and **Patrocinia Ocampo**, recently married **Cristina D. Gaspar**, daughter of **Crispin** and **Lourdes Gaspar**, at the San Antonio de Padua Church, Singalong, Malate, Manila. Reception followed at Diner's Dreemhaus, Taft Avenue, Manila.

VALDEZ-CHIU

Michelle Chiu and **Rudy Valdez** exchanged vows recently in California, USA.

The bride wore an all-metallic white shantung gown with cascading beads of cut glass and Swarovski stones in dainty cherry blossom pattern by **Leonard Co**. The tiara was by **Reggie Soriano**.





ONG-GUEVARRA

Marlene Guevarra, daughter of **Antonio** and **Magdalena Guevarra**, will wed **Andy Ong**, son of **Ong Ay Si On** and **Isabel Ong**, on April 24 at the United Evangelical Church of Malabon.

The bride will wear a white gazar crushed top and skirt with a 2-½-meter cathedral train designed by **Leonard Co.**

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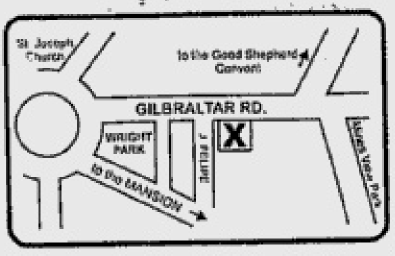

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THE BRIDE with her aunts and mother, Alice Guerrero (second from left), lawyer Lulu Castañeda, Dettie Carunungan, Dolly del Rosario and Maribel Tesoro

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GSTOTTNER-GUERRERO NUPTIALS

Vienna boy marries Manila girl

REESA Tesoro Guerrero, only daughter of Miguel Ma. Guerrero and the former Alice Tesoro, married recently Kurt Gstottner of Vienna, Austria, at the Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati City.

Rev. Fr. Antonio Ma. Rosales, OFM, was the officiating priest. Reception followed at Manila Polo Club.

The bride wore a Boysie Villavicencio creation of white lace and Swarovski crystals.

Guerrero and Gstottner met in the home of her friend, Suzie, whose husband, Friedle Brida of Siemens, was Kurt's classmate at the University of Vienna.

In 2003, on the 40th wedding anniversary of Guerrero's parents, Gstottner formally asked for her hand in marriage. The couple had a civil wedding in Vienna that same year.

For the church wedding, the couple had Vito L. Castañeda as ring and coin bearer, and Katya L. Castañeda as flower girl. Cord sponsors were Dr. Susana Brida and Austria's deputy ambassador to Ukraine Nicholas Keller. Veil sponsors were Mary Rose F. Fernandez and David Ma. Guerrero while Dr. Chrisel T. Gutierrez and Nicky P. Tesoro were candle sponsors.

Bea T. del Rosario and Erika T. Carunungan were junior bridesmaids, and Nina P. Estrella was bridesmaid. Maid of honor was Christine Salgado Dayrit, and best man was Friedle Brida.

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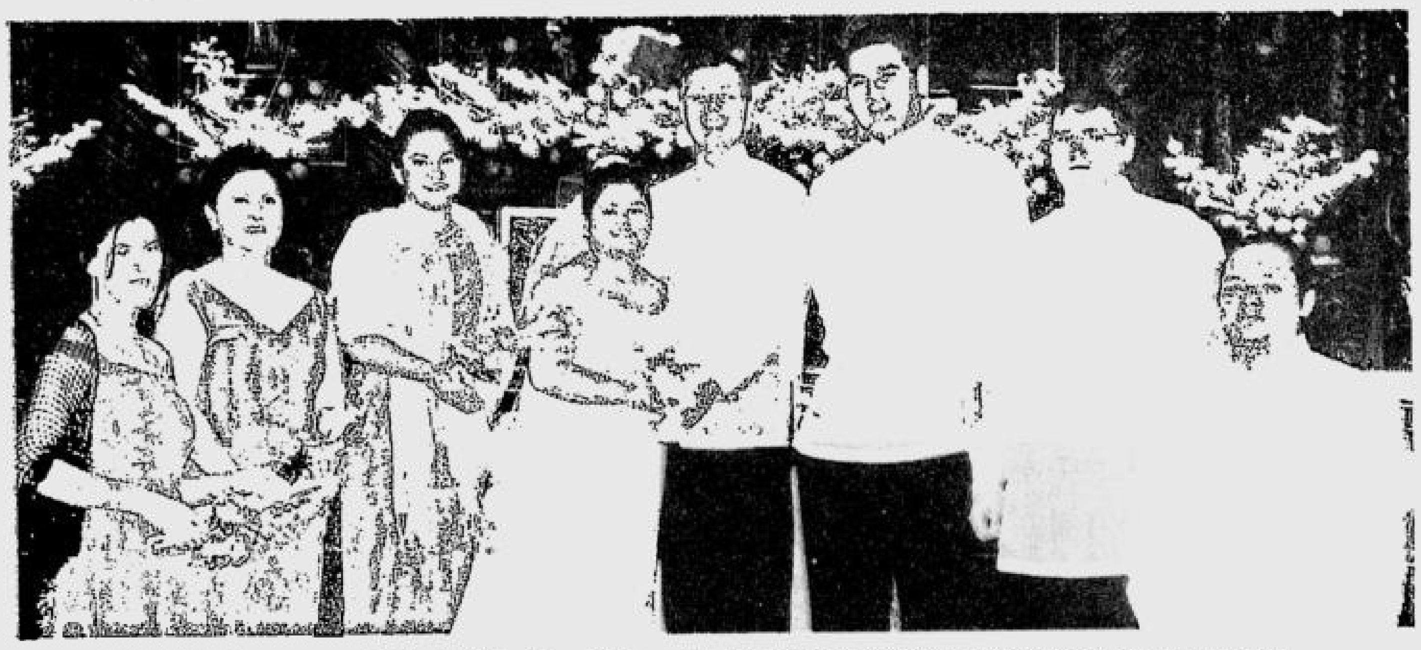
Among the guests were the bride's classmate Cara Vealle and friend, United States Navy Corpsman Edwin Vergel de Dios Santos.

Gstottner's friends Helmut, Elfie and daughter Petra Herberger flew in from Salzburg. Dr. Albrecht Kissel of Bohringer Ingelheim came from Germany.

Jaime Garchitorena hosted the program at the reception. It featured the bride's cousin Xandro Castañeda and company who rendered a medley of contemporary and classical love songs.

The newlyweds will reside in Vienna.



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One-stop wedding shop

TRENDS Wedding Shoppe, a one-stop wedding shop, recently held "Unveil: A Grand Launch," to celebrate the opening of its new store at the 4/L of Robinsons Galleria.

Guests and clients were treated to sumptuous food from Hizon's, Josiah and Juan Carlo. The event also showcased original bridal creations by Trends Wedding Shoppe owner and designer Susie Bonaobra in a mini fashion show held at the Galleria's 4th level walkway.

Trends Wedding Shoppe is a full service, one-stop wedding store affiliated with some of the country's most prominent bridal service providers, among them: Dream Cars, Cake Craft, Hizon's Catering, Josiah's Catering Inc., Juan Carlo, The Caterer, Henry Pascual for event styling, Paper Elegance, Audio Comlusion, Ariel Javelosa, Emil Buencamino, Lee Llamas and Paradigms & Poses by Jervy Santiago, Events Authority, the Social Connection, and Wedding by Events Manila and Celestial by MariGonz.

TRENDS Wedding Shoppe owner and designer Susie Bonaobra (second from left) is joined by Holiday Inn Galleria Manila's general manager Bill Vincent and model Wilma Doesnt at the shop's recent ribbon-cutting ceremony at Robinsons Galleria.

MODELS, led by Doesnt (second from left), take their final bow at the store's mini fashion show as Bonaobra (center) is awarded with a bouquet of flowers by her aunt Lele Chua (second from right).

Family movement marks golden anniversary

THE CHRISTIAN Family Movement (CFM), an international organization that promotes the sacredness of family, will celebrate its Golden Jubilee in October 2006.

In preparation for this important event, Philippine members will meet in October for the CFM Biennial National Convention.

CFM was brought to the Philippines by Tony and Teresa Nieva in 1956. It is the first and oldest family life organization in the country.

Some of the more senior members of the group met recently at the White Plains home of Frank and Nini Ramos, current chair-couple.

Guests included Sen. Aquilino Pimentel and his wife Bing, who sang to him her own composition.

The gathering at the Ramos home was part of the yearlong preparation for the biennial meeting and the jubilee. During the occasion, members shared thoughts on strong marriages.

Bacolod-based couple Raffy and Chat Berba stresses there's no formula for a happy marriage and every day is a struggle.

Rolly and Josie Mesa say doing certain things together further cements a marriage. The couple says they make it a point to attend Mass together as a family or pray together at home. A healthy dose of humor also helps.

Chat Berba says CFM has given them a shoulder to lean on even in times of financial difficulties by reminding them that God will never abandon them.

CFM couples are expected to raise their children by example, not words, imparting to them the love of God and fellow humans, the importance of prayer, simple living, stewardship, sharing of resources and forgiveness.

A pillar of family life and values, CFM continues to attract more and more couples, many of them newly married who want to raise a happy, solid family. On the other hand, children of older members have grown up to be responsible adults who are successful in their professions.

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Guests were delighted with luscious cocktails, wines and dinner, and amused by the parade of elegant bridal gowns and crisp tuxedos by Tippi Ocampo, Patrice Diaz Ramos, Pepsi Herrera, Edwin Tan and Lyle Ibañez. As a culmination to the enchanting evening, WE president Oliver Kuy initiated a toast by the Champagne Garden, where a 15-minute fireworks display was viewed.

Wedding Essentials is published bi-annually with a complete rundown of wedding suppliers plus a detailed wedding planner pullout. The maiden issue features creations of Jun Escario, Michi Calica and Ivarluski Aseron; a review on well-known wedding suppliers Krist Bansuelo and Rita Neri; photographers Lilen Uy and Toto Labrador; plus other wedding ideas.

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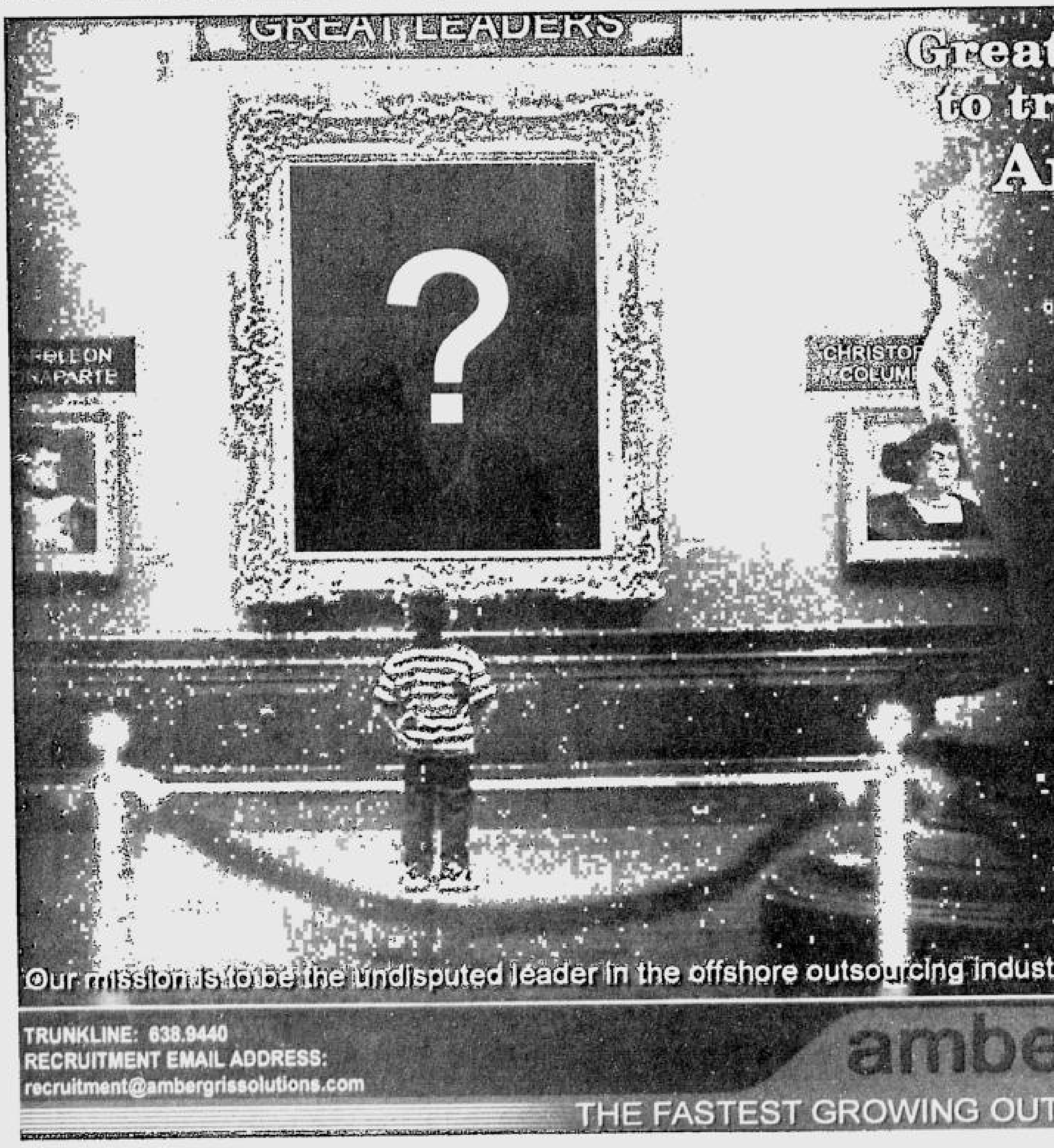

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Qualifications:

Female, not over 35 years old; with 1 to 2 years progressive experience in selection of supplies and merchandise; graduate of any 4-year course; excellent interpersonal skills; computer literate

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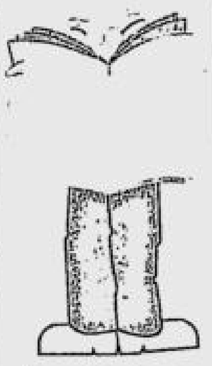

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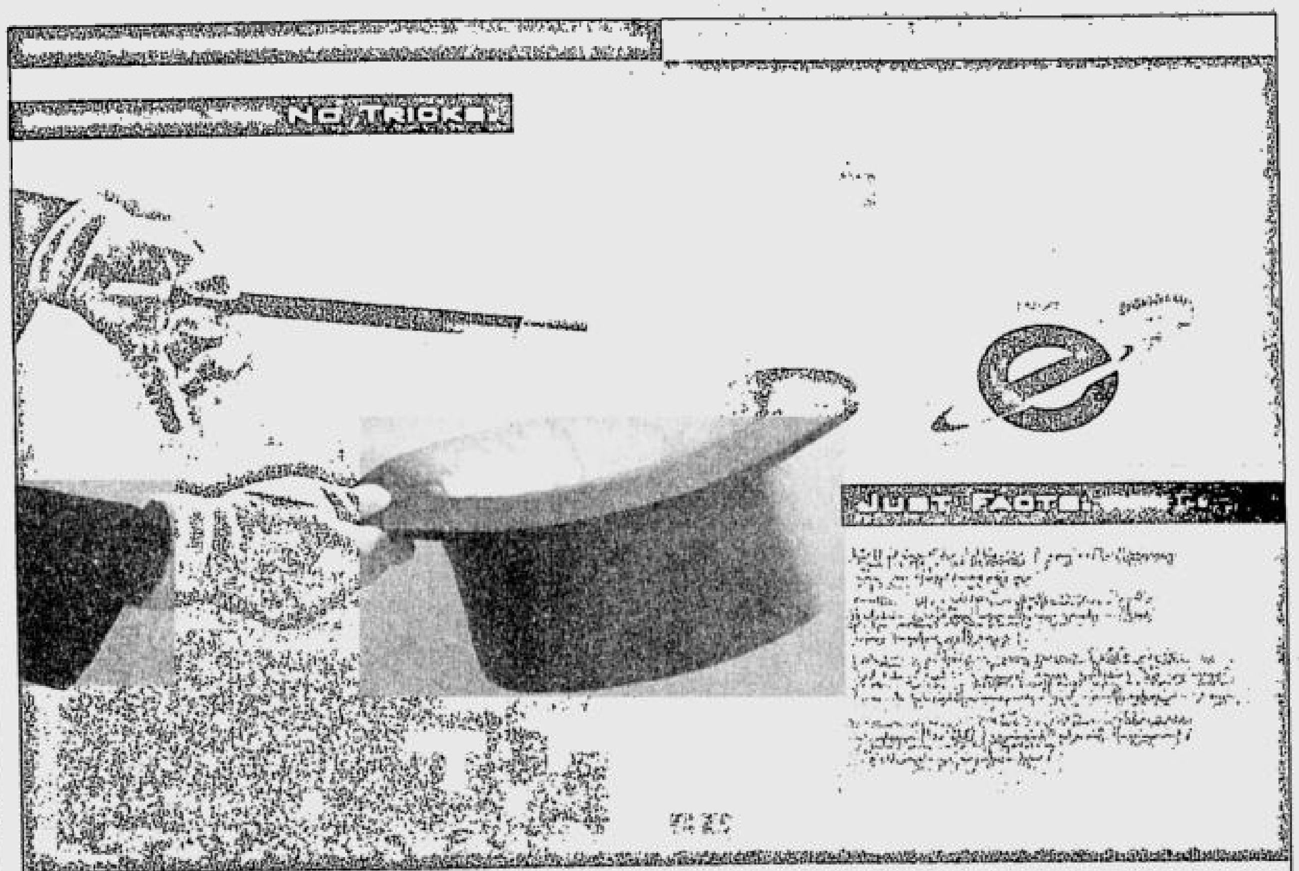

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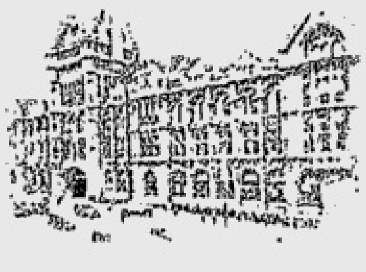

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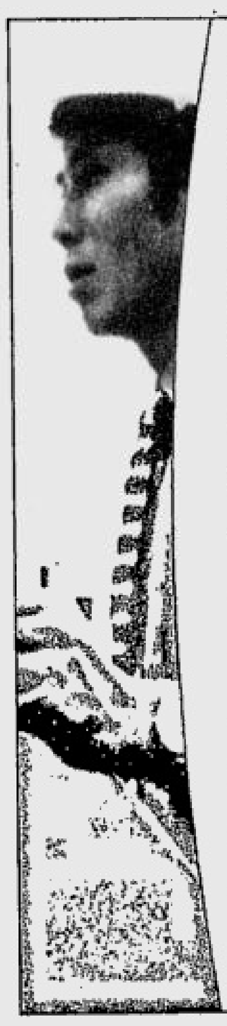

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- ✓ Analytical and with good numerical skills
- ✓ With experience in handling a retailing business for at least 6 months

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Duty Station is Manila, Philippines.

OVERALL RESPONSIBILITIES: The PPMU Director is responsible for ensuring quality and timely monitoring, tracking, and evaluation of Project performance. As such, he/she will provide overall direction in the design and implementation of all initiatives related to the monitoring, tracking, evaluation, and documentation of Project performance.

The PPMU Director and staff work closely with all Project units and staff to assure that their work is supportive of unit activities and draws upon their expertise and accomplishments in completing its work.

The PPMU Director heads the Project Performance Monitoring Unit, which consists of a Project Performance Measurement Specialist, a Reporting and Information Dissemination Specialist; a Resource and Documentation Specialist, and an Information Technology Specialist. He/She reports directly to the Chief of Party (COP)

The responsibilities of the PPMU Director include the following:

Work Planning and Performance Monitoring

1. Supervise the implementation of the LEAD Project Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Plan (PMEP), the Project's main guide to the systematic and timely data collection, monitoring, analysis and reporting of Project performance, LGU performance, and the measurement of Project impact.
2. Provide oversight in utilizing results of periodic assessments to anticipate and identify potential problems and obstacles to implementation, as well as opportunities and threats, and formulate recommendations for timely and appropriate adjustments in project operations.
3. Guide the Project in establishing regular benchmarks/targets of LGU, policy and project performance, in formulating Workplans, and in reporting on the status of benchmarks and Project accomplishments.
4. Lead the Project in regularly assessing the effectiveness and appropriateness of monitoring indicators, tools, and mechanisms, and make sure that results of these assessments are promptly and adequately reflected in subsequent monitoring processes and activities.
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6. Manage the process of engaging the PAG and TAG in regular Project review processes.

Communications and Documentation

7 Provide oversight in the implementation of the overall Project communication plan, and documentation of best practices and Project's success stories.
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General Management

11. Participate as a member of the senior staff.
12. Provide day-to-day oversight in PPMU operations.
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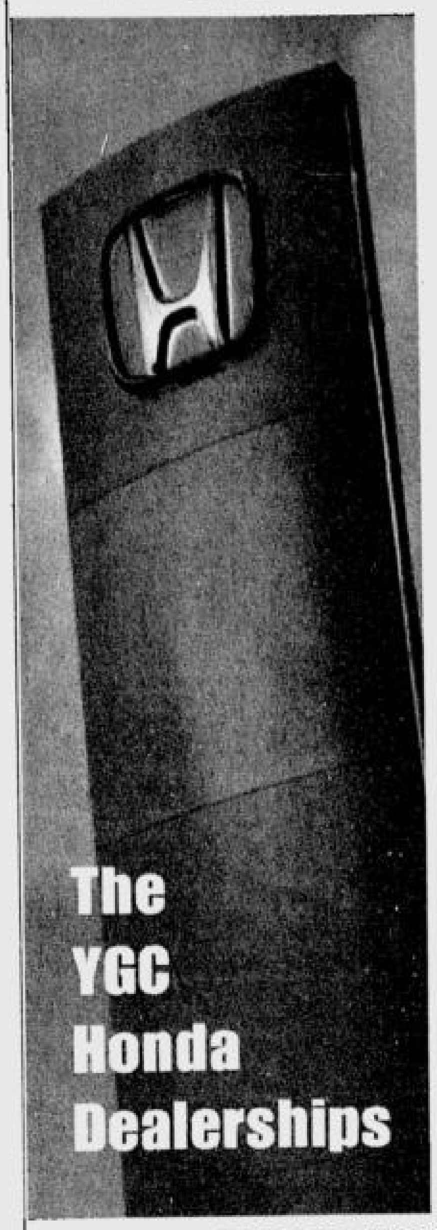

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(Human Resources * Accounting * Treasury * Customer Service)

not over 25 years old; graduate of Psychology, Behavioral Science, Communication Arts, Business Management, Accountancy, Computer Science or any 4-year business course; personable, fast learner and willing to work on extended hours

Candidates for the position should have the following competencies:

- ✓ excellent communication skills (both verbal and written form)
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- Has held at least 2 years work experience in cost control/ hotel audit in a hotel or restaurant set-up.
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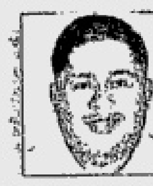

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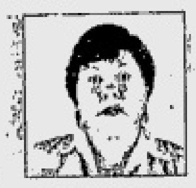

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OUR VISION

"We are an association duly authorized and existing under Philippine laws recognized both locally and internationally, in the job-contracting service industry, actively involved in the promotion of employment, industrial peace, productivity and human resource development, in partnership with labor, business enterprises, the academe and the government in contributing to economic development of the country."

OUR MISSION

"To be known as the association of only 'Legitimate' highly professional and skilled 'service contracting providers' for local and foreign companies based in the Philippines."

CODE OF ETHICS

A PALSCON Member shall:

1. Uphold the standards of professionalism in the service contracting industry.
2. Perform his obligation to his clientele to the best of his ability, safeguarding the best interest of both his employees as well as his client.
3. Avoid engaging in illegal transactions or any malpractice which are contrary to law or to good morals, public policy or detrimental to public welfare specifically with regards to service contracting industry.
4. Uphold the dignity of the services contracting industry and protect it from misunderstanding or misinterpretations.
5. Respect the confidential information that may come to him in his associations with his colleagues in PALSCON and shall be discreet in giving said information to others.
6. Deal fairly and openly with his contractual workers.
7. Be truthful to their clients and fulfill all obligations to the clients' satisfaction.
8. Continue to uplift the standard of livelihood of his workers as part of his obligation to his countrymen and to his country.
9. Endeavor to promote the advancement and development of the service contracting industry.
10. Avoid any contract which shall project the industry in a bad light and cast doubt in his integrity or that of PALSCON.
11. Consider his obligation to society in relation to the upliftment of the social and economic development of the nation.
12. Be highly responsible and solicit business in a most professional manner eliminating cutthroat competition within the industry.
13. Foster cooperation with member colleagues in the pursuance of the objectives and implementation of programs pertinent to the development of PALSCON and the service contracting industry as a whole.
14. Respect the legitimate business relationship between a fellow member and its clients as well as self-existing employer-employee relationship between a member and its employee. In no instance shall they commit any act which tends to disrupt such a relationship.
15. In case of dispute between colleagues in the association, submit to arbitration of PALSCON which shall create an arbitration committee whose decision shall be binding on them. And likewise, in cases of dispute between member and others (non-members), if requested by the third party, PALSCON shall also act as arbitrator through such committee.
16. Not hesitate to advise his client to engage the services of other colleagues in the industry which his business operations does not carry or is inadequate to serve.
17. Strive to conduct his business in the most ethical manner through their actions, and enhance the prestige and good name of PALSCON and the service contracting industry.
18. Always be bound and guided by the objectives and purposes of this code of ethics and the by-laws of PALSCON.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Partnering with DOLE-NCR to eradicate fly-by-night contractors, illegal recruiters, in-house agencies and violators of the labor code.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This memorandum of Agreement entered into by and between:

The Philippine Association of Local Service Contractors, an association of legitimate manpower service providers duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission with address at SEC Building, Ortigas, Mandaluyong City referred to as PALSCON and represented herein by its President, Lilia Linda W. Ang;

-and-

The Department of Labor and Employment, - National Capital Region, a government entity with address at DY International Bldg., 1650 General Malvar corner San Marcelino Streets, Malate, Manila, hereinafter referred to as DOLE-NCR and represented herein by its Regional Director Ricardo S. Martinez, Sr.;

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, both parties are cognizant of the fact that there exists a large and growing number of illegal recruiters, in-house agencies and fly-by-night contractors which has caused widespread misconceptions about the manpower service contracting industry;

WHEREAS, activities of illegal recruiters, in-house agencies and fly-bynight contractors, persist despite the issuance of Department Order No. 18-02, series of 2002;

WHEREAS, these illegal activities have victimized unsuspecting workers and have likewise adversely affected the business operations of legitimate practitioners in the industry.

WHEREAS, PALSCON and DOLE have agreed to forge an alliance to tackle these problems prevailing in the industry;

NOW, THEREFORE FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED CIRCUMSTANCES, by way of formalizing the commitments made by both parties in this endeavor, here mutually consent as follows:

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS:

A. The parties herein shall continue to perform their usual functions and responsibilities pursuant to the mandate of the office or association under which they operate;
B. This memorandum of agreement shall cover the surveillance, investigation,and prosecution of the persons involved in illegal recruitment and prohibited activities.
C. In the pursuit of the objectives set forth in the preceding paragraph, the parties shall undertake their respective tasks in a coordinated and concerted manner;
D. The parties, by and between themselves shall maintain a continuing liaison to keep each other updated on developments.

II. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS:

1. PALSCON shall -
   - 1.1 Be an advocate in the promotion of employment, industrial peace, productivity and human resource development in partnership with labor, business enterprises, academe and the government in contributing to the economic development of the country, in answer to President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's goal of creating 10 million jobs.
   - 1.2 Recommend the standard for acceptable and proper business practices in the industry of service contracting.
   - 1.3 To accept into the organization only those service contractors who have successfully proven that they are labor - compliant and paid all the benefits on time.
   - 1.4 To regularly monitor its memberships' religious compliance with the provisions of Art 106 - 109 and payments of benefits.
   - 1.5 Provide intelligence reports identifying contractors engaged in activities prohibited by DOLE.
   - 1.6 Establish linkages with users of PALSCON'S services and other government agencies to assist in identifying pseudo contractors.
2. The DOLE shall -
   - 2.1 Refer to PALSCON as a recognized association of labor compliant service contractors.
   - 2.2 Include PALSCON in the tripartite consultative meeting involving the industry PALSCON is catering to.
   - 2.3 Give updates to PALSCON on new directions and movement in the labor front.
   - 2.4 At all times, exercise its visitatorial powers and/or initiate complaints against contractors suspected of engaging in illegal recruitment activities.
   - 2.5 Actively involve itself in other related activities in this endeavor where necessary and warranted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereto set their hands on this 1st day of March 2005 at Manila, Philippnes.

Lilia Linda W. Ang
PALSCON

RICARDO S. MARTINEZ SR., CESO III
Regional Director, NCR DOLE

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

(another PALSON official)

NELSON C. HORNILLA
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STRIKE OUT FLY-BY-NIGHT SERVICE CONTRACTORS The Philippine Association of Local Service Contractors (PALSCON), an association of legitimate and highly professional service contractors in compliance with labor laws, and the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) forged an alliance by signing a Memorandum of Agreement to tackle problems prevailing in the labor industry. The MOA aims to eradicate fly-by-night contractors, to promote the interests of the legitimate ones and their clients, as well as to police its own ranks. Present were the ff: (L to R): Linda Dichoson of Almer Manpower Corp., Lilia Linda Ang of Skills and Talent Employment Pool- PALSCON President, signing the MOA in behalf of PALSCON, and in behalf of DOLE is Dir. Ricardo Martinez, Regional Director DOLE-NCR. Witnesses to the signing were (standing L to R): Nelia Castro of Red Dragon Resources & Trading Rafael S. Chico of Interlink Manpower. Development & General Services Inc.. Ruben Siron of City Service Corp., lawyer Agatha Ann L. Daquigan, Officer in Charge and Asst., Regional Director, DOLE-NCR, Nelson C. Hornilla, Officer in Charge - EDP, DOLE-NCR. Rowena Maceren of Globalink Employment Services Inc, Emma Pabilio of Phil. Pinoy Manpower Services and Loida Bautista of Bayanihan Placement & Management Services.

IN THE RECENT JOB CONTRACTING FORUM ORGANIZED AT BAYVIEW PLAZA In the photo are guest speakers, resource persons and participant members of PALSCON. Seated in front are Atty. Demosthenes Donato, Atty. Danilo Segobre of CDA, USEC Ernesto Bitonio of DOLE-NCR, Dean Froilan Bacungan of UP Solair and Lilia Linda Ang, President of PALSCON. Standing at the last row on the extreme right is Dr. Rene Ofreneo of National Academy on Voluntary Arbitration and also of UP Solair. Not in photo is NCMB Administrator Hans Leo Cacdac.

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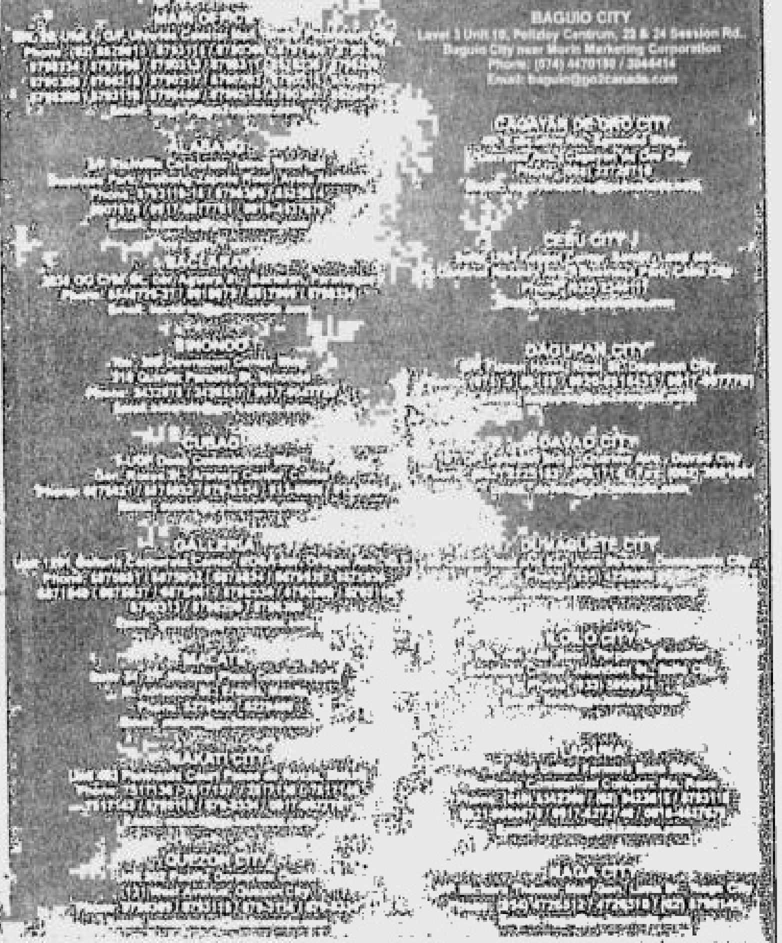

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1. Be clear about your field of expertise. Write down all the technical competencies required in your field. Compare your current level of performance in these competencies. Do you see the gap that you should fill to attain mastery and expert level? Initially, you may find it necessary to update your knowledge and skills to make them current and relevant to the world of work.

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4. Know the professional or trade organization in your field. Find out the names of the companies that are members of this professional organization. Examples of professional organizations are Philippine Marketing Association, Personnel Management Association of the Philippines, Philippine Society for Training and Development, Career Development Association of the Philippines.

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6. List down the names of individuals representing their companies in the organization. Connect with them during conventions and meetings. Befriend them.

7. Develop your network with the individuals you connected with in item six. Give out your calling cards identifying you as a consultant. Add friends and colleagues of your parents and relatives, your co-alumni, even your own students, and people you meet socially. People in your network will be able to give you job leads or information of companies that can hire you.

8. In your interactions with members of the professional organization, do more listening than talking (which you are prone to do in the classroom). By listening, you get to know the problems, issues and concerns of their companies and the state of their industry with regards to these problems and issues.

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10. Continue to build on your expertise. Learning is lifelong. Read and study. Attend training programs to update and enhance your expertise as you add names to your network as well.

How effective and successful are the above pointers? They were the ones I followed to make my own transition from an academic career to a consulting career in business. God bless you.

(Ms Santamaria is the president of Career Systems, Inc. a leading provider of a wide array of career development training programs and consulting services in the Philippines. Send feedback to carsys@qinet.net.*)*

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4. The last day for submission of entries will be: for March 15 to April 15-April 16, 12 noon; for April 16 to May 15-May 16, 12 noon, for May 16 to June 15-June 16, 12 noon.

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SEMINAR PROGRAM

DAY 1 : April 27, 2005 (Wednesday)

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Business Entrepreneurship And Your Company : Power To Succeed
Session Chair : Mr. Ricardo de Vera, Seminar Director
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Session 1 : 1.30pm - 3:30pm
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Speaker : Mr. Ricardo de Vera
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Session 2 : 3:45pm - 5:30pm
The Changing Horizon Of Business Marketing/ Sales What Is Happening/Why Are Traditions-Practices Failing
Speaker : to be announced

BRIEFING OF FINAL PROJECT : 5.45pm - 6pm

DAY 2 : April 28, 2005 (Thursday)

Link-Up Session : 1pm - 1.30pm
Session 3 : 1.30pm - 3:30pm
Understanding The Tool Of Business Entrepreneurship : The Diagnostic Business Process System (Marketing/Sales)
Speaker : Mr. Raul Rodriquez
Senior Consultant

Session 4 : 3:45pm - 5:30pm
The Framework And Discipline Of Managing The Marketing And Sales For Improved Bottomlines
Speaker : to be announced

BRAINSTORMING : 5:30pm - 6pm

DAY 3 April 29, 2--5 (Friday)

Link-Up Session : 1pm - 1.30pm

Session 5 : 1.30pm - 3.30pm
An Integrated Marketing/Sales IT For The Business Entrepreneur In a convergent market
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PREPARATION/PRESENTATION OF CASES : 3.45pm - 5.30pm

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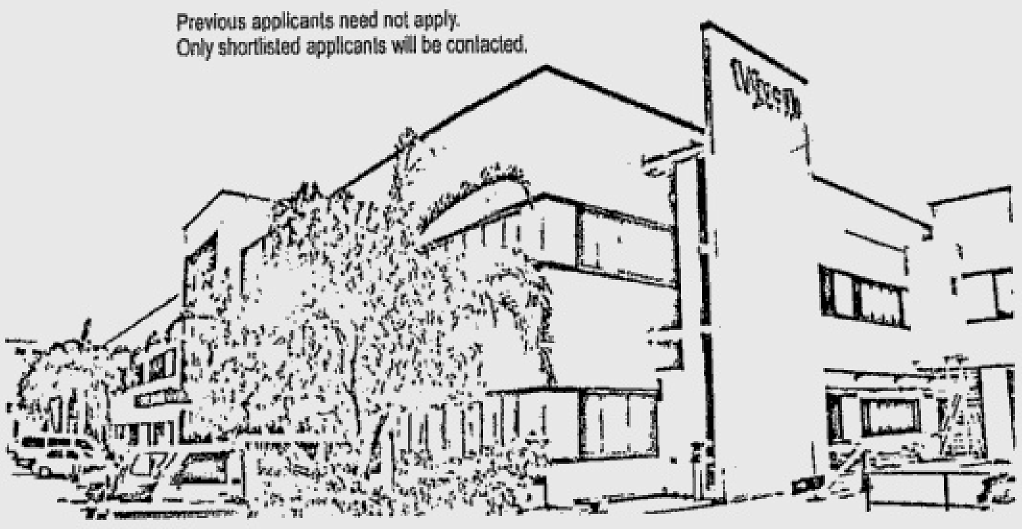

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Are you burning out?

By Regina G. Reyes
People at Work editor

CHANGE your lifestyle, change your life. This is a prescription for all bone-tired people at work who have a nagging feeling that somewhere out there is "the good life" where family and work are perfectly balanced. How much of each element should be poured into the flask of life to produce a wonderful elixir of the good life? The right mix produces a balanced life; the wrong mix, burnout.

With life being so unpredictable, chances are many are already in a slow burn and do not know it. How can you know if you are already burning out?

Here is a Burn Out Quiz from Dr. Tony Alessandra, author of the Online Platinum Rule Behavioral Assessment as taken from his free e-mail newsletter, "Dr. T's Timely Tips."

Give yourself the following points as you take the quiz: 10 points if you strongly agree with the statement; 7 points, agree; 3 points, disagree; and 0 points, strongly disagree.

1. I always seem to feel fatigued throughout the day.
2. I find myself talking less and less in business and social meetings.
3. My memory seems to be deteriorating—I'm forgetting more and more.
4. Even after a good night's sleep, I still feel tired.
5. I find it very difficult to really relax—my mind always seems to be in full gear thinking about work.
6. At the end of each day, I feel that I'm further behind than when I started the day.
7. I seem to be more irritable and cranky lately. I am not as patient with others. I have a short fuse and blow up easily.
8. I am spending less and less time on physical activities and hobbies—or with my family and friends.
9. I seldom seem to be pleased with what I've already accomplished. I feel that I should be accomplishing more.
10. I either operate at full speed ahead or at dead asleep—no middle ground.

Then, score yourself as follows: 0-15 points—You either don't do anything or you've really got your act together; 16-50 points—You're doing well. At this level, you're highly unlikely to suffer from burnout; 51-80 points—You're on thin ice and just about ready to fall in. You'd better change your lifestyle quickly because burnout is knocking down your door; 86-100 points— I'm glad I don't work for you or with you. You are a walking time bomb. If you do not make immediate adjustments in your behavior you may be burned out by the time you finish reading this article.

For those who scored 50 points and more, a lifestyle change is in the offing. And this doesn't mean just taking a few hours off every day. It means looking at your priorities in life and allotting your time accordingly. Remember, somewhere out there is "the good life" waiting for you.

Combination resumé is ideal for career shifters

By Ann Baehr

THE BEST resumé format to use is the combination resumé. This resumé format is not chronological nor functional. It combines both. It is extremely flexible and allows you to use strategies in a way that would normally be considered wrong.

The difference between the combination format and the chronological format is that the chronological format resumé is very easy to follow. The hiring manager will typically start to read the chronological resumé at the bottom of the work history or professional experience section (heading depends on your career level) and will continue reading his or her way up towards the top to trace your career history. If there are employment gaps, it will be obvious because it is difficult to hide breaks in employment using this resumé format. This is why most hiring mangers prefer the chronological resumé format. It is easy to read and leaves little to the imagination. This can be a great advantage (marketing tool) if you have been in the same type of position because it shows continuity and progression in your industry.

Start from scratch

But what happens when you've held different types of positions across several industries? Reasons for gaps in employment and holding too many or unrelated jobs include raising children, caring for a family member, illness, returning to college, corporate downsizing or merger, joining the military, and difficulty finding work for long stretches of time because of a tight job market or weak resumé! So, the first thing you will need to do is toss your old resumé. It will not help you to change your career. You need to make a fresh start!

Create a resumé that clearly indicates at the top what type of position you are seeking.

Include a career summary section that highlights where you've been in your career being careful to only mention what would be of most interest to this particular company. Emphasize your transferable experience and skills that match the qualifications of the position (if there is a job ad, study it and do your best to make a connection between the position's requirements and what you've done. Do not use the exact wording!).

Using keywords

Use a keywords section to list transferable skills so the reader can find them immediately. This is also important if the company uses resumé scanning technology. This will ensure your resumé is retrieved from the company's database in response to a keyword search.

Under your Professional Experience section or Work History (again, depends on your background), present your experience in functional sections such as General Management, Sales Management, Staff Training and Supervision, Budget Planning and Tracking, etc.

Using categories

Take all of the experience you've gained over the years and categorize it into skill areas that the new position requires. If the company is seeking someone to manage budgets, and you managed budgets 10 years ago and four years ago, but not in your last two jobs, then list the collective experience under a Budget category.

Continue this formula until each respective category has a minimum of four bulleted sentences or two two-lined sentences to support the name of the heading. It is a good idea to have at least three categories to show how well-rounded you are.

Work history

Below this section, list the companies, locations, job titles, and dates. You can either create a separate section named Work History if you've already called the above section Professional Experience, or simply list the section without a main heading as part of the main section. It will be understood. Or, you can start the section off with the company names and dates followed by the functional categories. In other words, flip it.

The most common problem with this resumé format is identifying where your experience was gained. But, that's the whole idea. If they are interested in what you can do, they will call you in for the interview. It is at that time you can explain the how, when, where, and why of it all. It will make for great conversation—which by the way, a job interview should be. A meeting between two people with a common interest (the position) who engage in conversation in a professional manner.

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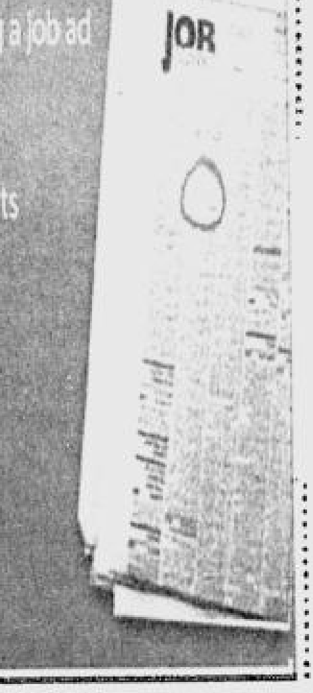

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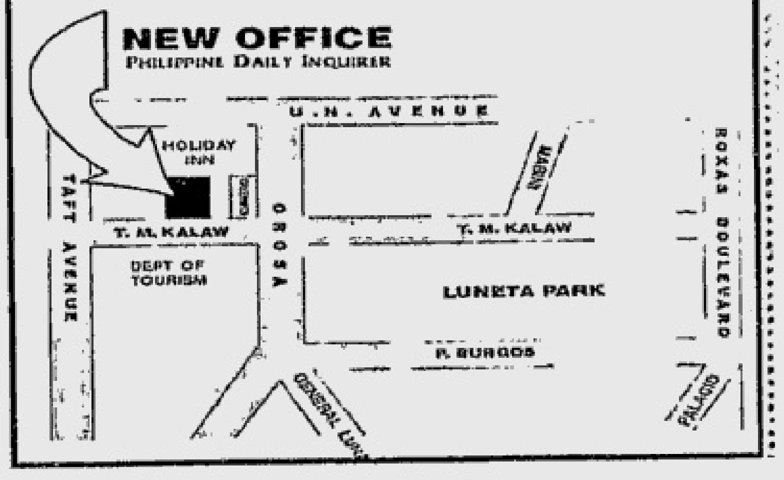

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Workers' role model

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

THESE past days the whole world focused on Pope John Paul II. And even if his mortal remains is now buried in the ground, he lives on in the minds and hearts of more than a billion followers, admirers and Catholic faithful. John Paul II has done a great and wonderful job as the Shepherd of the Church which Jesus Christ founded. He has really been the "shepherd of the sheep" whom Jesus mentioned in today's Gospel who "walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice."

Great world leaders admire the excellent leadership of Pope John Paul II and could make him their example. But I think even the simple and ordinary workers can make him a role model in the workplace—the Pope having had the experience of working as an ordinary laborer in a mine. Listening and viewing presentations on his life story, we get a picture of one who shows industriousness, dedication, determination and hardworking spirit in every task he undertook in life. Knowing the tremendous amount of work he has accomplished, the Pope has shown efficiency and effectiveness in his work.

Karol Cardinal Wojtyla, however, was not someone made of different "stuff" from ordinary mortals like us, and his being elected Pope was not the reason for him to be extraordinary in work. It was his deep faith in God and his great love for the Lord Jesus, the Worker par excellence, and his truthful understanding of the human person—the worker—which inspired him and gave him the strength needed to do extraordinarily the tasks he had to do—making Pope John Paul II, the workers' role model. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net)

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WORKING SOUL

Gospel: Jn. 10: 1-10

But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep ... he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice.

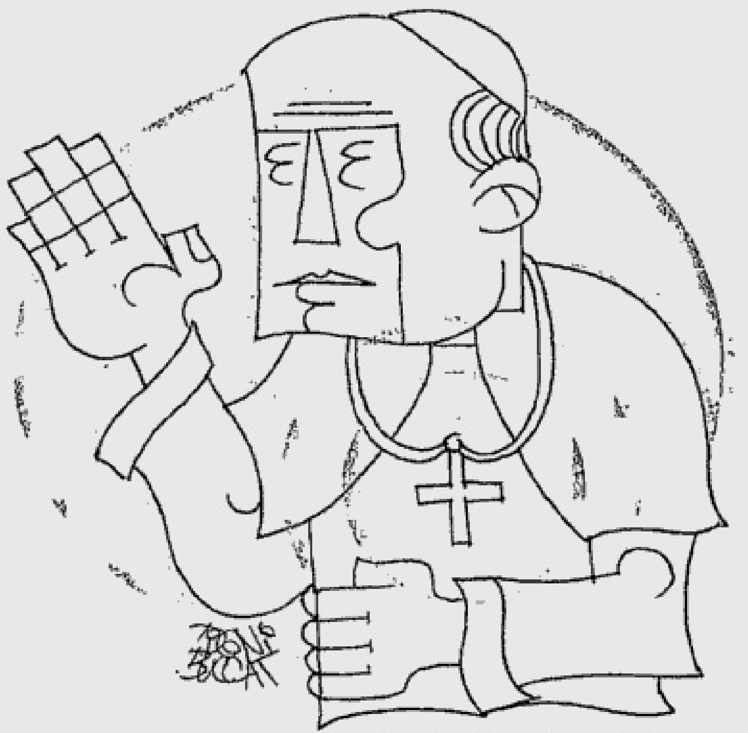
The true leader

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

EVER since the day the phrase "team building seminar" was first used, how many such seminars do you reckon have been conducted around the world? Even in our own country, companies spend hundreds of thousand of pesos to acquire techniques from team building seminars, but in the absence of a gauge that can tell us how they have affected workers' productivity, can anyone measure the fruitfulness of such seminars?

I have nothing against team building seminars. In fact, many of them are well-intended and superbly designed, but I do believe that team building efforts can succeed only when they are founded on sound and sincere person-to-person relationship between leaders and followers. No amount of expenditure will produce a perfectly operating team if managers only see subordinates as but cogs in a well-oiled machine. On the other hand, a manager who is genuinely interested in a worker's person, who is concerned about his staff's well-being as much as he cares for the company's advancement, and who is guided by the highest principles available to man, will make a natural team-builder.

Such a man has every right to "walk ahead of the sheep"—as Jesus does in today's gospel—and those he leads will follow him because they will recognize in his actions the voice of a true leader. This imagery should demonstrate to us how far a man-for-others can go compared to a leader who depends solely on techniques. If you still miss my point, just think: two thousand years after His death, Jesus can still boast of over a billion followers. Let Stephen Covey beat that! (*E-mail the author at* teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com)



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How would you respond to those overqualified for the job?

DEAR Readers: Recently I ran an e-mail from Catch-22, an IT professional who complained he couldn't even get hired for an entry level job. I received a flood of e-mails. Most were like this:

"He's not alone. I'm in my fifties and have over 30 years in the field and was laid off. No one wants to pay me at the level I was at. Most want a fresh face from school or with a few years experience willing to work for much less. When I go on job interviews, they say, with your experience you'd be bored with this job. Hey, bore me."

"I've been sending resumés out for three years and have had one interview and one temp job, even though I've been a high level person in the semiconductor industry and have an extensive network of associates and friends. It's a buyers market and the out-of-work citizen is at the mercy of the employer."

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Bob Rosner

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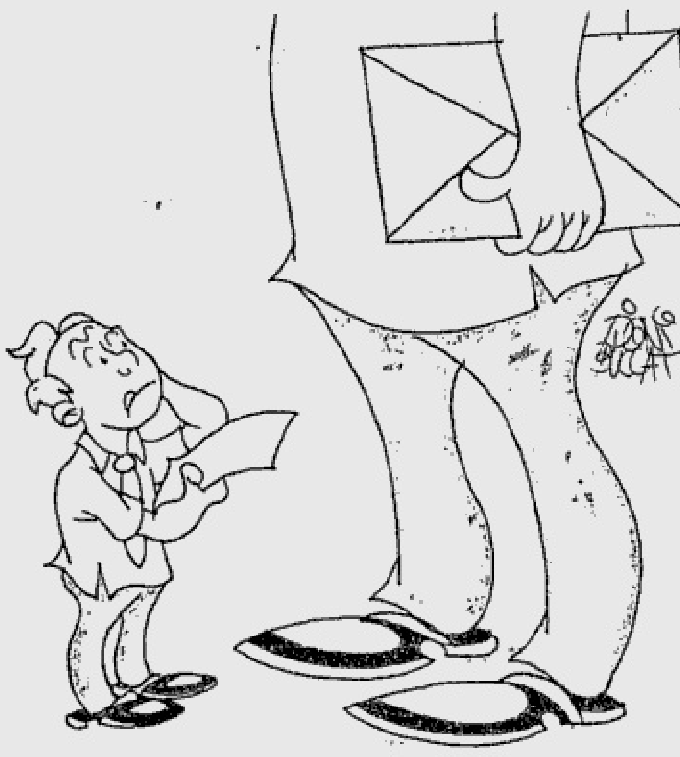

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"Sorry dude, not only do I not hire you because of your open lack of commitment to my business, but I also don't hire you because your attitude shows a certain disdain for the job I'm offering."

And this interesting e-mail came from someone who is very familiar with this issue:

"As an HR consultant, there have been several times when I hired an overqualified candidate and all were regrettable. Even though the candidates assured me they were interested in an entry level position, one quit two weeks later, one continually reminded us that he was underpaid, one became a classic complainer and another couldn't get along with anyone. Fit is more important than qualifications."

Here are the results from a recent workingwounded.com/ABCnews.com online ballot: What is most important to being successful at work today?

—Know-why, 16.1 percent

—Know-how, 41.3 percent

—Know-who, 42.2 percent

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'I want to shift from the academe to the business world'

By Josie O. Santamaria

ASK YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR

I AM a regular reader of your column. I find your career advice very useful in counseling students in our career and placement office in our university where I have been teaching for the past 17 years.

May I request your advice on how I can make a career change and get a job outside the academe? I graduated with an MBA from a reputable university in Metro Manila. I am currently taking my Ph.D. in another prestigious university, also in Metro Manila.

At present, I am holding a key position as executive director for planning and development in my university where I also hold the rank of associate professor. My term of office as executive director ends this May after several term renewals. I am eager to get a job in a nongovernment organizations (NGO) or business organization to gain more practical experience, which I could later use in my teaching job.

I will be eligible for a one to two year leave of absence from my university, during which I am free to work in any organization I choose. After this period, I am free to resume my teaching post without any loss in seniority or benefits. I can also choose to retire after two years.

Please advise me on how I can make this career change from academic setting to a corporate setting.

Mr. Career Change

As I see it, you don't really want to leave your career in teaching to work in a nonacademic setting. You just want to use your leave of absence to work in an NGO or business organization to gain "more practical experience" that you can use to enhance your teaching.

You did not tell me your age but I surmise that you must be in your mid-40s. With your background, work experience and educational qualifications, you can join an NGO or business organization as a consultant in your field of expertise. It may not be easy to get a line or a staff position in a corporate setting due to your lack of actual work experience. You would be overqualified and overaged for a supervisory position, but would lack qualifications for a management position. But your MBA and Ph.D. will enhance your value and your credibility as consultant. In a corporate setting, your Ph.D. will be a plus factor in an R and D position.

Exposure

To be taken as a consultant, you need exposure and experience in the reality of the corporate world in your field. What technical competencies in your field do you possess where you can rate yourself an expert in? Do you know the problems, issues and concerns that beset organizations (NGOs and business) and for which they require the expertise of a consultant?

First of all, be clear about your career goal. Just like the characteristics of a "good" goal, a career goal must be SMARTA; that is i.e., it must be Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant (to your needs and values), Time-bound and Actionable. What do you want to become or to have achieved at a definite time in the future? And in what setting? Is it a teaching career, a corporate career or working with an NGO? An example of a career goal is: by year 2010, I am a top of mind consultant in the field of organization development among at least 15 companies and earning net P100,000 minimum monthly.

Costs and benefits

Secondly, list down your options and weigh the costs and benefits to you in terms of your own personal mission in life. Will you be able to live your personal mission by teaching in a school setting or doing training in a nonacademic setting? Or do you want to do full-time consulting work? You can also combine both teaching and consulting work. All graduate schools prefer their faculty to have actual exposure in the realities of the world of work.

To do this activity, you must be clear about your values and the priorities of these values in your life. An example of this: If you were to go back to your university, the highest academic level you can achieve is full professor earning a salary within a set range 12 months a year at the least. You enjoy benefits including medical, hospitalization, insurance, etc. You have security of tenure; you have free time to do research work and to read and you are able to balance your work/career life with your personal/family life. You teach only three to four hours a day, allot two hours a day for consultation with students.

Consultancy work

As a consultant, you enjoy time freedom but too much free time means you have no income. You have no boss whose needs you must satisfy, no subordinates to develop. You have potentials to earn so much more but you cannot depend on this revenue on a month-to-month basis. There are months when you earn so much; there are also months

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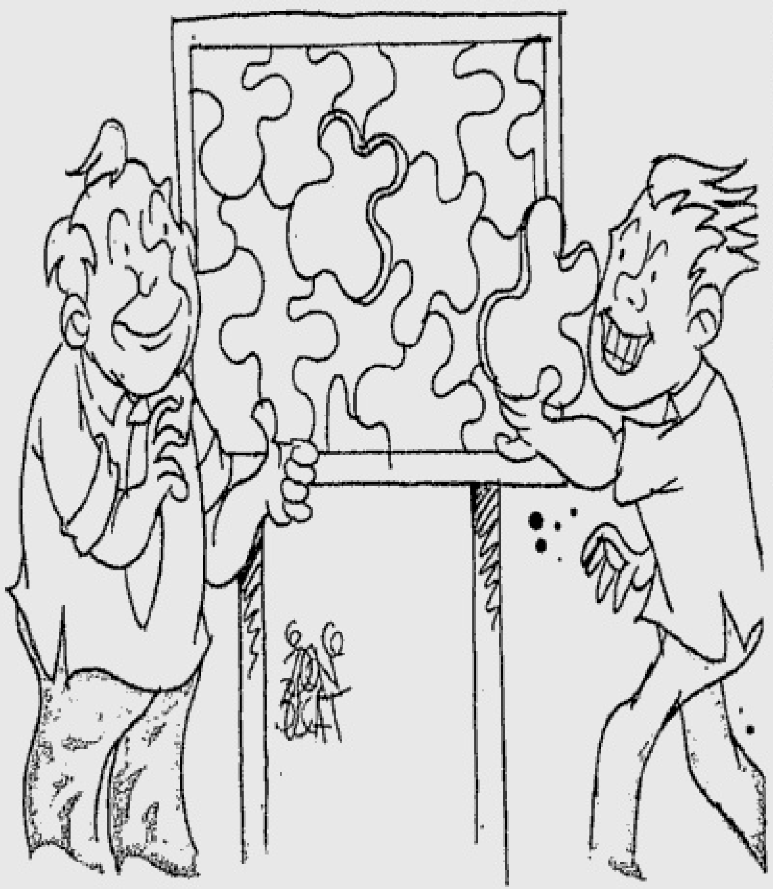

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GET TO KNOW SOME REAL PEOPLE

Susan Roces

A Classic Face Stars in Her Gritty New Role

When FPJ, Da King of Philippine movies died, his wife seemed to have changed overnight from being his quiet, gracious shadow into becoming an outspoken critic with a mind of her own. What role awaits this feisty widow in the country's volatile political scene?

by Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz
photo illustration by Ernie U. Sarmiento

SHE still has to look at FPJ's photo lying in his coffin to convince herself that he's gone. "*Parang bitin yung* feeling *ko* (I feel there is no closure yet)," confides Susan Roces. "Much as I've seen him in the ICU and in the wake, much as I've accepted his death, to me he's still very much around," she adds of husband movie actor Fernando Poe, Jr., who died of a stroke at 65 on December 14 last year. "Ronnie still lives in his stuff in the house that I've left untouched," says his widow. "*Baka kasi bigla siyang dumating* (what if he suddenly comes back?). I can't bring myself to sort out his things. I am not yet at that stage."

For Roces, who might have been the country's First Lady had FPJ's presidential bid in the May 2004 elections prospered, private grief and closure have become personal luxuries shelved for another time. At the moment, she has to dodge the political fallout precipitated by Da King's death. Bucking pressures from her husband's political supporters to take his battle to the streets, Roces has dropped her bid to replace her late husband in the electoral

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Reel and real romance that endured for 36 years

protest filed before the Supreme Court. At the same time, she assailed the high court, sitting as the Presidential Electoral Tribunal, for "using a technicality to conceal the truth" about the election results. The Supreme Court earlier threw out Poe's protest and his widow's petition for substitution following his death. Last Thursday, she spoke out against the administration at a packed Club Filipino.

The actress' independent stance has come as a surprise to most people who have identified Roces with the saccharine roles of her Sampaguita days. Wasn't she after all the silently suffering wife of Da King who receded into the background amid rumors of his peccadilloes and children with other women? Despite her obvious distaste for politics, didn't she acquiesce quietly, if somewhat grimly, and provide her husband gracious support when he finally decided to join the presidential race as an opposition candidate?

So who was this feisty woman and how did she get here? She, who thought nothing of upbraiding a giant TV network on camera at her husband's wake, for its alleged biased coverage of FPJ's campaign sorties. Where did she get the gumption to stand up to Da King's political advisers—grizzled veterans and old hands at horse trading—and turn down their suggestion for her to lead the opposition in his stead? And how could a showbiz figure like her—whom the public has expected at best to know the latest about cosmetic procedures and which love team is breaking up—speak so articulately about the plight of farmers, the runaway inflation and the ailing state of the economy? Where did the spunk come from?

"It has always been there," Roces says. But she had deliberately held her counsel, she adds, for FPJ's sake. "How would it look if I were to speak for him? Filipinos don't like meddlesome wives. If people didn't ask questions, I didn't volunteer answers." She was not one to seek attention, says Roces. "*Alangan namang umakyat ako sa entablado*? (It would be unseemly for me to mount the stage). What would I say? If I spoke, it would be to praise FPJ. He was my husband after all."

Emotional support

With FPJ gone, some people might say that Roces could now air her views without eclipsing her husband, but the widow cites her own reason for loosening up. "I speak my mind as a citizen. There was no need for it when I was younger because I was only concerned about my profession. Now that I'm facing another chapter in my life, I realize that there's more that I can do. Like other Filipinos, I can no longer just keep quiet. I will do what I can in my capacity, but I am not interested in public office." People are usually sympathetic to the widow, she acknowledges, but she'd rather not win on emotional support. "*Ayokong padala sa ganong emosyon.*"

More than just speaking up, Roces sees herself making her own decisions in this new chapter in her life. "When I was single, my parents and my producers helped me decide on things. Then Mr. Poe helped me; in fact, I think he spoiled me. He took care of everything. But it's all up to me now."

Jesusa Sonora was 14, a high school graduate of La Consolacion Bacolod when she came to Manila. Having excelled in Drama and Speech, she had intended to take up either Foreign Service or Education in college. But that could wait. Today, "Fans' Day," she was going to see her favorite movie stars Lourdes Medel, Gloria Romero and Luis Gonzales at the Sampaguita Pictures compound in Quezon City. That was where Doc Jose Vera Perez spotted her. "He said he was a producer and asked if I wanted to take a screen test. But I didn't know how to react because I didn't know him," Roces recalls of her movie break. She almost fainted when her chaperone aunt told her it was the studio head himself.

Roces' parents had no objection. Her father, Dr. Jesus Sonora, who was among the first batch of *pensionados* to the US, loved the arts while her mother was active in school plays and dramas. "She was more excited than I was," Roces says of her mother, Purificacion. "She was quite liberated for her generation and did not want us to settle into being housewives without first tapping our potential."

Cast in the lead role in "*Boksingera*" because Alicia Vergel's Sampaguita contract had expired by then, Roces says the Mars Ravelo character wasn't an easy fit. "I was too much of a lady for the role and they needed somebody tough," she adds. The producer decided to change the title to "*Boksingera daw* (A boxer, seemingly)." The movie's release was delayed so that the young Roces could first be introduced to the viewing public through a series of supporting roles, including one as Gloria Romero's secretary in "Miss Tilapia." Not that she was totally new to acting. At 8, Roces was cast in a Nepomuceno movie, "*Mga Bituin ng Kinabukasan*" with Ike Lozada, Mila Ocampo and Lani Padilla, a sister of Carlos Padilla, Zsa Zsa's father. "I was a *contravida* there," she laughs.

Wholesome looks

But henceforth, Roces' wholesome looks, later described as "The face that refreshes" (a take-off from the Coca Cola blurb "The pause that refreshes") got her cast in light comedies, "fun movies," she calls them. Even then love teams were all the rage and Roces was paired off with Romeo Vasquez, Eddie Gutierrez, Jose Mari and Lito Legaspi. She would also become Susanang *Daldal* to Amalia Fuentes' "Amaliang *Mali-mali*" in a screen rivalry that prefigured the fierce competition between Nora Aunor and Vilma Santos in the late 1960s.

Although her movie career got in the way of her finishing a college course, it made life easier for the Sonoras, says Roces. "Not all doctors are rich," she says of her father. This second in a brood of five girls and one boy recalls the generosity of a relative who would regularly slip them some tuition money and her children's hand-me-down clothes. And she never announced it nor told anyone else, she adds. Such discretion is something she particularly loves about her husband, says Roces, who only learned about FPJ's generosity during his wake when people he had helped told her about it. "When Ronnie's father died, he also experienced how it was to be on the receiving end. He knew that giving without fanfare was a way of showing respect to those you help. *Bakit mo nga naman ihahambog pa*? (Why gloat about it?)"

Roces met her future husband through fellow actor (and Amalia Fuentes' ex-husband) Romeo Vasquez. "Bobby was doing a movie with FPJ and Erap (Estrada) at that time when he invited me to his birthday party at the Champagne Room of Manila Hotel. Little did I know that so many years later, Mr. Poe would announce his candidacy in the same place," she says, laughing.

It wasn't love at first sight, she recalls, but the attraction was there. Soon they were an item and a bankable onscreen couple in such movies as "Zamboanga," "*Perlas ng Silangan*," and "*Ang Daigdig Ko'y Ikaw*," incidentally among the most memorable movies she's done, says Roces. In 1968, the couple eloped. "No, there was no parental objection or anything dramatic," says the actress. "It was just that too many people were planning for us—the place, the date, who to invite and so on. So we did it on our own."

Marriage meant semi-retirement from the movies as the new Mrs. Poe settled behind a 9 to 5 job at the FPJ Productions' booking office "handling bookings, advertising work and financial reports." The job almost killed the romance in their union, Roces deadpans. "One thing I learned from my marriage is—never sleep with your boss!" she says, laughing. Because both of them had their own day jobs, the couple would only see each other at night "and I had no choice but discuss the financial report with him during bedtime."

The marriage endured for 36 years. Recounts Roces: "Every year on our anniversary, we'd wake up and greet each other by saying, *'Ay, salamat! Isang taon na naman nating napagtiyagaan ang isa't isa* (Wow, we've endured each other for another year!). We're not perfect but thank God we stayed as friends, lovers and for some time, business partners."

The union had its trying moments, one of them Roces' being unable to bear a child. "We were not blessed with everything but there was much love and respect," she muses.

Biggest challenge

The Poes have an adopted daughter, Mary Grace Poe, now Llamanzares, a mother of three who has settled in the US. For her daughter, Roces further scaled down her movie career. "I've led my life prioritizing," she says. "And my priority has always been my family."

But by far the biggest challenge that the marriage faced was FPJ's whispered-about affairs with other women and his children with several of them. He never flaunted them nor did he deny them, Roces says of her husband's extramarital activities. "When asked about them, he'd tell the movie press, '*O, ano ang kinalaman niyan sa pelikula ko*? (what has that got to do with my movie?)' Always, he was very discreet. His affairs became public only because of the election campaign." In fact, she has never met any of his women, says Roces. "I've never felt threatened because I was no secret to them. Whatever these women involved themselves in was of their own doing."

As for the three children outside of his marriage, Roces says firmly: "I wouldn't call it a mistake. It would be pointless to expand on what happened *kasi tapos na yun* (it's done). *Nagsisi na siya*. You get hurt, *pero humingi na ng tawad yung tao*. So, *ano pa? Itataboy ko ba yung asawa ko*? (He has apologized and expressed remorse. What now? Should I drive him away)?"

The children are beyond blame, she adds. "*Kailangan din ng respeto ng mga bata*. (They also deserve respect). So I gave what is due them and made sure that whatever wrong he had done was not aggravated." Roces had called the children to Poe's bedside, allowed them to attend his wake and later toured them inside the FPJ Productions compound where she introduced them as the actor's children.

Another issue that sorely tested the relationship was the actor's decision to enter politics despite his wife's well-known aversion to it. "*Napa-oo siya kasi masa ang humiling*. (He said yes because the people asked him)," Roces says. It is the *masa* that ensured the box office success of their movies, she adds, and her husband felt obliged to give something in return. Her objection, she says, had a lot to do with their personal lives being put under extreme public scrutiny. "We could have en-

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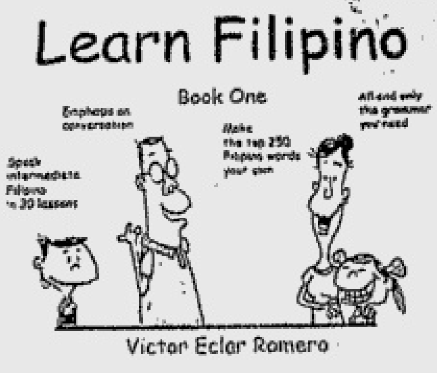
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LOVELY ANNE

Thank you for featuring lovely Anne Curtis ("So Much More Than Just A Sweetheart," SIM, 13 February 2005). I usually freeze whenever I look at her milk-like complexion and red lips that often issue a Julia Roberts smile. Any warm-blooded male would surely have ants in their pants for this girl who has come of age. Oh, I have yet to hold my tongue.

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PRAISING POPO

I am very impressed by Energy Sec. Popo Lotilla's resumé. (SIM, 3 April 2005) This is the kind of personality who should run our government. I won't be surprised if our country moves forward a thousand times faster. May his flock increase and serve our country and our government.

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Your story on my friend Popo Lotilla was wonderful. I had the privilege of working closely with him at the Philippine Collegian in 1983-1984 when he inspired me and others with his intelligence, sense of humor and commitment.

Through the years, I've been puzzled, impressed and humbled by his choice to embrace a spartan lifestyle. But despite the simplicity of his way of life, he is probably one of the most well-read and sophisticated Filipinos I know. He is an avid student of our history and even collects historical maps of our archipelago.

The last time he visited me in San Francisco, he asked me to take him to art and antique shops to look for old maps of the Philippines. And in case the Arroyo Cabinet needs to take a break between long, boring meetings, they may want to ask Secretary Lotilla to entertain them with some soothing music: Popo plays the harp.

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SMART Kids Partied 'til They're Purple with SpongeBob SquarePants!

Kimi, Marty, and Sam give an awesome dance number

Nickelodeon and SMART Kid, the first celfone for kids, brought us the special screening of *SpongeBob SquarePants, The Movie* last April 2, 2005 at SM Megamall. To the delight of young SpongeBob fans, the Open Parking Lot C of SM Megamall was turned into our very own Bikini Bottom with Nickelodeon's Bikini Bottom Blow Out!

The Bikini Bottom Blow Out Party!

Kids were invited to come and join this pre-screening party, which lasted until early evening! The entire afternoon was spent partying with SpongeBob until everyone turned purple! Registration, which began at 11 am, preceded the opening of the activity area gates shortly after noon. Five local hangouts were set up and booth hopping was the way to go! At SpongeBob's Pineapple House, kids got a chance to draw SpongeBob and have their face painted with their favorite Bikini Bottom folks. Beside King Neptune's Castle, the SMART Kid Meet-And-Greet SpongeBob Booth was a much-loved spot. Here, SMART Kid subscribers got to see, hug, and say hello to SpongeBob! Over at Squidward's Cinema, everyone took their seats for a sneak preview of *SpongeBob SquarePants, The Movie* and a special on how the it was made. Not far away, a crowd was beginning to grow at Patrick's Charity Rock. Youngsters were encouraged to become Nickelodeon Big Helpers by placing handprints on Patrick's Rock to mark their pledge and casting a donation to Nickelodeon's Tsunami Relief Efforts for UNICEF. After dropping by all these hangouts, the only place left to go was the Krusty Krab Merchandising Booth where SpongeBob goodies were available for all who wanted to bring home a piece of this Bikini Bottom Blow Out experience!

Later in the afternoon, as the main show began, kids sang the SpongeBob theme song from the top of their lungs and welcomed SpongeBob SquarePants on stage. Hundreds of hands could be seen excitedly waving at this yellow and porous sponge. Even the SMART Kid mascots were there to give an awesome dance number. As the Blow Out came to a close, premium items and a set of four premiere tickets were given away to some very lucky winners. It was an afternoon well spent and most importantly everyone had a blast!

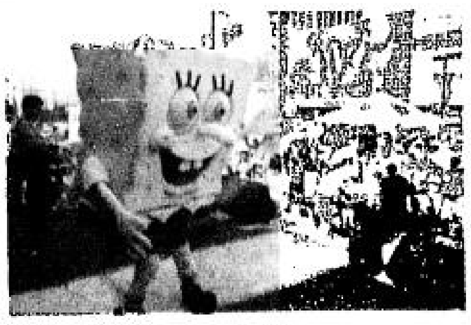
The Special Screening of *SpongeBob SquarePants, The Movie*

But that was not the end, the Nickelodeon premiere of *SpongeBob SquarePants, The Movie* was the event of the day. Thanks to Solar Entertainment, UNITED INTERNATIONAL PICTURES, and Smart Kid Prepaid the moment everyone was waiting for came to be. Inside the cinema, the lights were dimmed and those fortunate enough to be there were taken on a fun-filled edge-of-your-seat adventure with SpongeBob and Patrick as they travel to the treacherous Shell City.

Planet Kid

For those of us, who missed out on this special one night only event, *SpongeBob SquarePants, The Movie* will be showing in theaters nationwide beginning April 6, 2005. SMART Kid subscribers can also download their favorite SpongeBob SquarePants images and ringtones when they text SPONGEBOB to 286. For more fun and educational services access Planet Kid via a simple click-and-browse platform designed to nurture the busy minds of children, no matter where they may be.

With Nickelodeon and SMART Kid fun and learning will go on and on with special friends like Marty, Kimi, and Sam; SpongeBob SquarePants and his Bikini Bottom pals.



SpongeBob goes on stage

Nickelodeon's SpongeBob SquarePants, The Movie Premiere at Baguio City .

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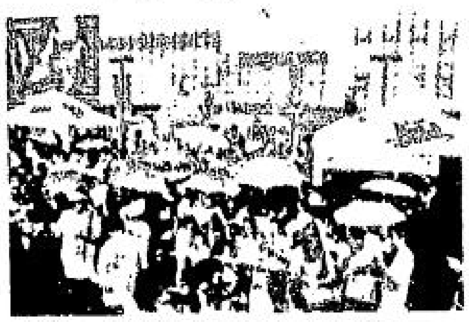
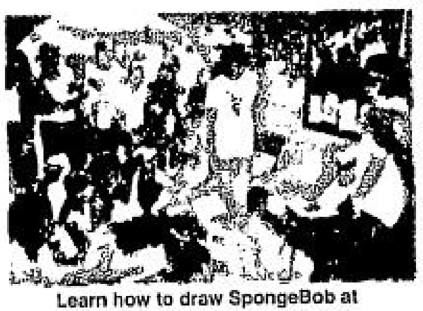


The Bikini Bottom Blow Out at the Open Parking Lot C of SM Megamall



Learn how to draw SpongeBob at SpongeBob's Pineapple House

Special SpongeBob goodies at the Krusty Krab Merchandising Booth

Squidward's Cinema plays the trailer of *SpongeBob SquarePants, The Movie* and a special on how it was made

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The Word

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Goodbye, JP II

Pope John Paul II was here for the poor, for the young and for the fatherless whom he warmly invited to walk—not under him nor over him or against him, but with him—as fellow pilgrim, father and friend

***EXCERPTS** from "The Word," World Youth Day Issue, 11 - 15 January 1995:*

WHAT did the Pope see in Manila? The Church of the Poor was precisely what Pope John Paul II would have wanted to see. After all, was it not the Church of the Poor which had become the single most important pastoral issue of the Second Plenary Council of the Philippines?

But who else could better represent the Church of the Poor in the Philippines than the youth? Seventy-five percent of Filipinos today are 39 years old or younger. Half of our population is 15 years old or younger. In the year 2000, those between ages 15 and 39 would have been in their twenties, thirties and mid-forties. The Church in the Philippines indeed is the Church of the Young.

Some 200 young Filipinos were asked what seemed to be the obstacles to the fulfillment of their dreams. They answered in this order: poverty, corrupt and uncaring leadership, disunity, political instability and moral decadence.

The Church of the Young, it seems, is the most honest and courageous articulator of the Church of the Poor. It was JP II himself who said, in his address on the occasion of International Youth Year, that although they are the most numerous, "youth is the most marginalized sector of society." They are the most ignored, exploited and taken for granted, he said. "Adults tend to exclude the youth from society by disregarding their right to associate, to pursue their activities on their own and to articulate their protest. Adults also tend to manipulate the youth by putting in their hands instruments of death, and forcing them into a culture of death in the form of drugs, abortion, deadly weapons and pornography. Military conscription, child prostitution and child labor are grim manifestations of adult manipulation of the youth," JP II said.

If "poverty," according to those interviewed, was the "first most embarrassing impediment" to the fulfillment of their aspirations, the second was "corrupt and uncaring leadership." Young people were honestly looking for heroes, prophets and teachers who could inspire confidence, enthusiasm and commitment. Many of them expressed frustration and helplessness over the failure of their elders to "act their age," to be authoritative symbols of moral and spiritual leadership.

There was a time when the relationship between master and disciple, teacher and pupil, father and son was the foundation of one's identity and dignity. Today, because the youth have been led to suspect and ignore the moral credibility of their own fathers, the word father has lost much of its unction and power. It is therefore the moral failure of elders that has been driving the young generation today to reject the adult world and to fight every authority that symbolizes irresponsible and decadent fatherhood.

To be Pope (father) for a "fatherless generation" therefore is a tremendous universal challenge for JP II. It is a challenge because the Papacy, as a historic symbol of fatherhood, has a responsibility to bring back to the word father ("papa") the authority and warmth which this fatherless generation has failed to reclaim and experience. It is a universal challenge because the Papacy was meant to represent more the visible spiritual father-symbol for all fatherless generations, irrespective of place, color or creed, than merely the ecclesiastical boss-symbol of the Roman Catholic Church.

As "Papa Juan Pablo II," here was a "father" who offered his presence as teacher, learner and contemplative critic who must look beyond the barriers of his church and culture, break through every oppressive and unjust structure, and journey with us through the Dead Sea into the Promised Land.

JP II was here for the poor, for the young and for the fatherless whom he warmly invited to walk — not under him nor over him nor against him, but with him—as fellow pilgrim, as father and friend. Thank you, Holy Father, and goodbye!

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Seen on TV

by Ruel S. De Vera

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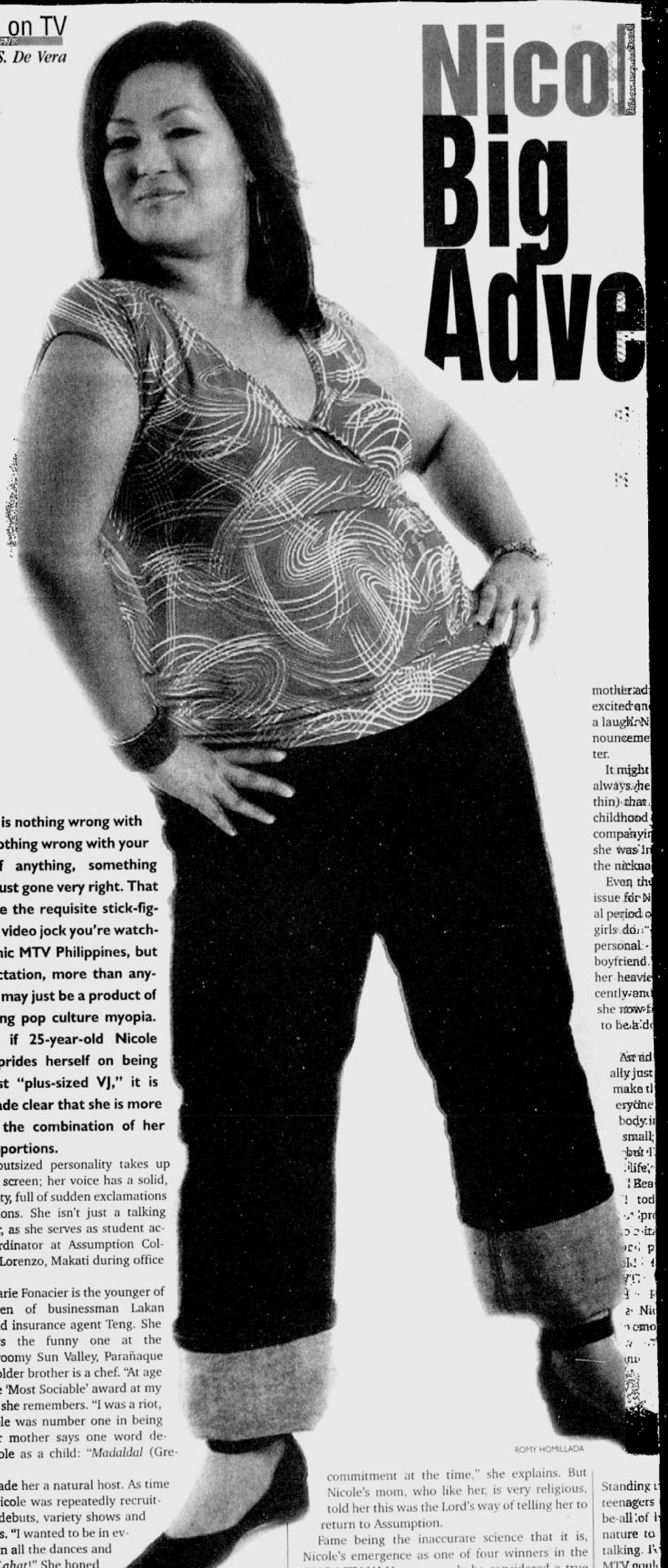

ROMY HOMILLADA

NO, there is nothing wrong with your TV, nothing wrong with your picture. If anything, something may have just gone very right. That may not be the requisite stick-figure or buff video jock you're watching on iconic MTV Philippines, but that expectation, more than anything else, may just be a product of longstanding pop culture myopia. But even if 25-year-old Nicole Fonacier prides herself on being MTV's first "plus-sized VJ," it is quickly made clear that she is more than just the combination of her ample proportions.

Nicole's outsized personality takes up most of the screen; her voice has a solid, smoky quality, full of sudden exclamations and explosions. She isn't just a talking head, either, as she serves as student activities coordinator at Assumption College in San Lorenzo, Makati during office hours.

Nicole Marie Fonacier is the younger of two children of businessman Lakan Fonacier and insurance agent Teng. She was always the funny one at the Fonaciers' roomy Sun Valley, Parañaque home; her older brother is a chef. "At age 3, I won the 'Most Sociable' award at my preschool," she remembers. "I was a riot, *tipong* Nicole was number one in being noisy!" Her mother says one word describes Nicole as a child: "*Madaldal* (Gregarious)!"

It also made her a natural host. As time went on, Nicole was repeatedly recruited to host debuts, variety shows and other affairs. "I wanted to be in everything—in all the dances and the songs. *Lahat*!" She honed her presentation skills on different stages "since forever" and turned professional in 2000. Aside from her comedic timing and wit, this former girl scout rounded off her skills with balloon-twisting and storytelling.

Passionate leader

Nicole attended Colegio de San Agustin until high school where she was a cheerleader and was awarded "Batch Clown" in senior year. In just three years, she graduated cum laude from Assumption College with a degree in Communications, majoring in Media Production. After serving as student council External Vice President, Nicole received the Mother Esperanza Award for Leadership.

Initially wanting to work for the United Nations, Nicole went to the United States but came back home to work briefly for Sunlife, with hosting gigs on the side. In 2003, the new dean at Assumption offered her the post of Student Activities Coordinator, having remembered Nicole as being a very active, passionate student leader. "I didn't really want to do it at the start because it was a full-time job and I was afraid of commitment at the time," she explains. But Nicole's mom, who like her, is very religious, told her this was the Lord's way of telling her to return to Assumption.

Fame being the inaccurate science that it is, Nicole's emergence as one of four winners in the 2005 MTV VJ Hunt can only be considered a true "Eureka!" moment.

Nicole remembers all the details. On a Saturday, a friend had dragged her to SM Megamall because the friend wanted to audition for the VJ Hunt. "I never intended to join," Nicole says. But when she got there, she decided, why not? She didn't take it seriously, stuffing the provided script in her bag and relying more on her experience and natural energy. "I thought to myself, I don't need it because I had a great job at Assumption."

To cut a long story short, she came out on stage, wowed the crowd and got asked back; it was also the first time she trotted out the "plus-sized VJ" phrase. Afterwards, Nicole downplayed her own chances because she didn't want to be disappointed. "I never expected them to call, so when they called (to tell her she was one of the finalists), I went wild!" After two months of intensive training and trials, Nicole began work last April 1 as a true-blue MTV VJ, and this was no April Fool's Day prank. Her

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There's more than just a full set of vital statistics to MTV Philippines VJ Nicole Fonacier, who adamantly refuses to be boxed in by pedestrian expectations

nits being somewhat scared but also very proud. "I text everyone," Teng says with idole adds her father cried during the an- nt, so happy was he for his only daugh-

surprise some to know that Nicole wasn't avy. "I was super *tingting* (broomstick- my neighbors thought I was adopted." A summer spent in the US—with the ac- g diet of sweets and junk food—when Grade 2 changed that. "I grew up with me '*taba*,'" she recalls.

n, growing up heavy wasn't much of an icole, though she did go through the usu- f desperately trying to lose weight like all dieted to fit into nicer clothes, not for satisfaction, or maybe get a cute 'Because she didn't feel healthy back at st weight of 215 lbs., she lost 40 lbs re- now weights 175 lbs. She's happy that ts into the XL size of some stores. "I used ouble-XL, American size *'yan, ha?*"

Happy outlook

hitted optimist, Nicole says weight is re- a matter of perception. "I'm heavy but I'll e most of it, I'll be the huggy bunny of ev- ". Deep inside, she too struggled with nage, but only for a while. "There's a very part of me that thinks of losing weight, m happy the way I am." Throughout her Nicole has openly advocated the "Big is utiful" outlook that she carries proudly ay. "That's really my persona. I'm very oud to be doing what I'm doing. Let's cap- lize on it. Everyone except the stick peo- le have gone through days where they eel bloated. It's something new."

MTV Philippines Communications and ness Executive Lizette Claudio says that ole is not a curiosity. "She has so much re to offer than just her size," Lizette says. We want people to see that Nicole is unique, to see her for her talent, wit and confidence." Says Nicole: "I've always seen my being big as an advantage. Being able to stay in this business is about how much talent you have. I may be fat, but I know how to host."

n front of a blue screen and inviting bored o check videos out isn't the end-all and er showbiz sojourn. "Hosting is second me," she explains. "Hosting is just like like to have a show ala Oprah Winfrey; launch a show like that." Until recently, en pursuing her Master's in Psychology lans to return to it. A career as a school tor also appeals to her. "I love being with he says of her wards in Assumption. "It's is world. *Sobrang saya*, you draw a lot of them." Nicole remains intent on volun- time for worthwhile causes someday.

the hip factor of MTV, Nicole considers servative; she doesn't smoke, she's very mother, she enjoys reading and consid- very wholesome. "I love being busy." Her gressiveness removes any possible idea n be someone's doormat. "Excuse me, if friend and people oppress you, I'll beat And she's not apologetic about that and er new things she brings to being a VJ. are conservative and strong but I know rty," Nicole Fonacier says with a smile, the measure of this woman goes be- yranny of measurements.

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by Henrylito D. Tacio

Brain Drain in Reverse: Doc Comes Home

He had a great practice in a highly specialized field in the United States, but this doctor and writer, who's been published in prestigious international medical books, opted to come home where he's most needed—and doesn't regret giving up the fat paychecks

THE patient was tense and worried, until the young doctor approached him and asked with a smile, "*Kumusta ho kayo*? (How are you, sir?)." The patient was pleasantly surprised, "*Pilipino ho ba kayo*? (Are you Filipino?)" When the physician smiled and answered in the affirmative, the patient started to relax.

Such a soothing exchange could mean a quick recovery for the patient, but for Dr. Atenodoro Marciano R. Ruiz, Jr., caring for one's *kababayan* added a certain level to his medical practice at the George Washington University Medical Center in Washington, D.C. It kept him constantly in touch with his roots, for one. "You can speak to them in our language, understand their beliefs, values and misconceptions," he adds.

But that regular and vicarious contact with home was not enough for Dr. Jun Ruiz who, despite the enticement of a more lucrative practice in the United States, decided to come back to the Philippines in 2001 to practice his profession.

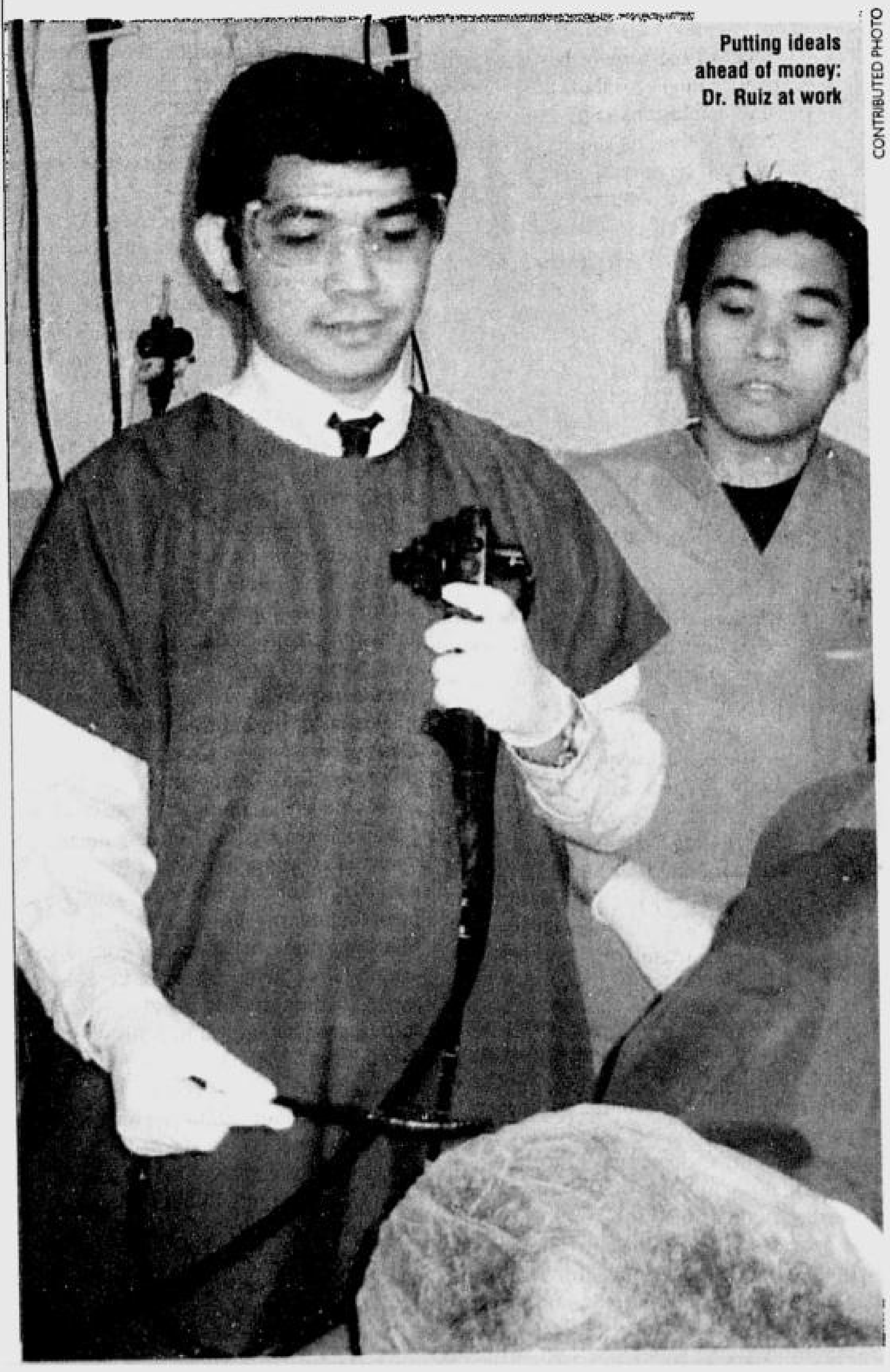
He was in for a culture shock. "We had a wide range of patients at the Montefiore Medical Center in New York, from the very rich to the very poor," he notes. "But even poor patients in the US were in much better financial shape compared to our patients in the Philippines. Most Americans have medical insurance that covers even their medication. Even the unemployed are taken care of by the government. The downside of this is that some patients take advantage of the system by faking pain and requesting narcotics."

In contrast, many patients in the Philippines are financially unstable. "You can prescribe the best medication there is but many Filipino patients may not have the money to complete their course of treatment," says Dr. Ruiz.

Anxious and apprehensive

A native of Iligan City, Dr. Ruiz is the eldest of six children of Elisa Reyes and Dr. Atenodoro Ruiz, who later became the city's vice mayor. The younger Dr. Ruiz finished his medical studies at the University of the Philippines in 1992 and went to the United States in 1994 to undergo training as a resident in internal medicine at the Montefiore Medical Center in Bronx, New York. "I was initially anxious and apprehensive when I first went to the US for my training," he recalls. "I was afraid that I may not be good enough alongside my American counterparts."

Having come from a developing country, Dr. Ruiz was totally amazed by his new environment. Compared to the government-run Philippine General Hospital, the Montefiore Medical Center was "huge, clean and well maintained, with high-technology equipment at one's disposal," he gushes. "I only read about this stuff in textbooks while I was in medical school."



Putting ideals ahead of money: Dr. Ruiz at work

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Another astonishing discovery was the warmth of the nursing staff and para-medical personnel, he adds. "They were supportive and very helpful," he says, adding that his mentors, Dr. Darlene Le Francois (internal medicine), Dr. Marie Borum (gastroenterology), and Dr. Mark Menegus (cardiology) gave new meaning to his profession. "I have a very high regard for them," he says. "We would start our hospital rounds at seven in the morning and would usually do a second set of rounds in the late afternoon just to make sure we had all aspects of patient care covered before we leave the hospital. They also taught me to be extremely compassionate to our patients. As a doctor, we knew we have to sacrifice a part of our social lives."

But his toxic schedule did not stop Dr. Ruiz from doing some writing, which he loves. Dr. Borum, who has authored several book chapters, journal articles, and research papers, observed this, and asked him to co-write the malabsorption chapter in a geriatrics Merck manual. Says Dr. Ruiz: "My work so impressed the editorial board of the Merck manuals that they asked me to contribute to two of their other books."

In the second home edition of "The Merck Manual of Medical Information," he authored a piece on malabsorption syndromes. This year, his technical write-up on the same topic will be appearing in the 18th edition of "The Merck Manual," which makes him the first and only Filipino doctor to write medical pieces for the world's best-selling medical textbooks. "This is a testament that Filipinos can be among the world's best, as long as we believe in ourselves and our country," says Dr. Ruiz.

As if to prove that point, the young doctor decided to come home some years ago. "When I told my former employer that I was going home, they offered to double my salary if I stayed with them for one more year. It felt great that these people, great physicians themselves, believed in my ability as a physician. But I had to say no. It means giving up big money, but my parents brought me up to put ideals and principles ahead of money."

Different priorities

Shaping his life on his own terms is something that Dr. Ruiz is proud of. "I did not like the thought of being dictated on by the American government on where to practice. I did not want to be sent to rural areas just to get a green card, knowing that I may be miserable there without any friends. I would rather practice in my country and be near my family and friends."

While 90 percent of Filipino doctors who were trained in the United States opt to stay there for good, Dr. Ruiz says he totally understands them. "I think we all have different priorities in life," he says. "I can understand why some of my friends decided to stay in the US to work in the rural areas. They needed money for their families. They believe that they have a bleak future if they go back to the Philippines. I respect their decision."

Coming home, says Dr. Ruiz, will also enable him to share the clinical skills he gained from his American mentors with Filipino medical students. He currently serves as a consultant at the St. Luke's Medical Center and MTECH Medical Center.

His Manila-based job hardly prevents him from encountering patients from all parts of the country. Once, while attending the funeral of his grandfather in Batangas, he got a call about a patient from Leyte who was suffering from severe abdominal pain but who had gone home against medical advice. "It was 10 p.m. when I got back to Manila," recalls Dr. Ruiz. Heading straight to the hospital, he immediately performed an endoscopy on the patient, who turned out to have a gangrenous bowel. "In the United States, 80 percent of patients with this condition die." After talking with the surgeon, Dr. John Nuñez, both decided to send the patient to surgery. "It saved the patient's life. A delay would have killed him."

It is stories like this, giving people another lease on life, that keeps Dr. Ruiz going. "We all have our own reasons why we became doctors. Since my high school days, I have always wanted to heal people from their disease, pain and suffering. I find joy in bringing comfort and better health."

And it does help that he's doing it back home, where he is needed most.

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Pinoy Connection

by Bambi L. Harper

Culture, Cooperation pièce de résistance for Chic Envoy

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THE FRENCH Ambassador to the Philippines, Renée Veyret, arrived in the country in May 2002. Her elegant style has made the French lady a refreshing addition to the diplomatic scene, dressed in her simple, well-tailored outfits, although she admittedly has little time to shop when she's in Paris. Before coming to the Philippines, Madame Veyret was the head of the humanitarian action department of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1999. In the past, she has held several positions in Asia, which explains her vast knowledge and experience of the continent.

France's woman in Manila is a smart, stylish woman with keen observations about this country and its people, and a willingness to go out and discover more. Here's her take on the job, the Filipinos, and—*naturellement*—French fashion

From 1995 to 1999, she was Ambassador to Bangladesh, and was Consul General in Osaka and Kobe from 1988 to 1992. She has had several assignments in the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which furthered her experience in the field of cultural, scientific, and technical cooperation between France and Africa and Madagascar.

The lady is also a Knight in the Legion of Honor who speaks Japanese, Spanish, Chinese and Bahasa Indonesia. She stays in shape and ready for the demands of her work by swimming twice a day—in the morning and at lunch—and practicing everything in moderation. Her greatest achievement and enjoyment, she says, is working with children, especially the underprivileged. France's stylish envoy in Manila talks to SIM about her job and her likes.

SIM : What would you consider the highlight of your Philippine assignment so far?

RENEE VEYRET: In the course of the last three years I have spent in the Philippines, my most powerful experience has been a visit to Palawan—first a visit to its pearl farms, then the discovery of Bugsuk and the delicious coconut cuisine. There was also an encounter with a *bayawak* (monitor lizard) in the north of Puerto Princesa. Although I have traveled the archipelago quite a bit, from Vigan to General Santos, and to Negros, Leyte and Mindanao, Palawan remains my favorite destination.

Music lover: Jamming with Pinikpikan

SIM : Which Asian destinations do your countrymen seem to prefer?

RV: The French do not export themselves very well, as they often hesitate to discover civilizations that are not familiar to them. As the advertising campaigns of Japan, India, China, Thailand, Singapore, Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos are very aggressive and offer many incentives, they are the most frequent destinations in Asia. Do not forget that France has been present for close to a century in the three countries of Indochina. Unfortunately, the Philippines is still to be discovered. You have marvelous landscapes, seas, beaches, and Filipinos are hospitable, but maybe the archipelago is too far from Paris. As my compatriots prefer France and the neighboring countries, they must be persuaded that they will find the adequate infrastructure and security here. The Jolo hostage crisis in 2000 gave a very negative image. For several years, the Philippines has been the country of hostages, which made a good number of people hesitate about coming. Things are changing little by little. But I am fighting for your country's image to change.

SIM : What do you perceive is the outstanding Filipino trait which sets us apart from other developing nations?

RV: After having been one of the most prosperous and most promising countries in Asia in the '60s, the Philippines has experienced difficulties in management and economics, as well as a very high demographic growth that may have hindered its development, more than that of its Asean partners. There are no or few developing countries that enjoy a population education level as high as yours. But very fast population growth and a slower improvement of infrastructure do not allow for the creation of jobs for all the young workers who arrive in the market. While it provides opportunities for migrants to send back colossal sums to the Philippines and helps alleviate the job market, the sending of eight million Filipinos abroad also brings about grave consequences: a significant brain drain and the breaking up of families. To my knowledge, there is hardly any country that promotes the departure of its citizens so much.

SIM: On the personal side, what is your greatest extravagance?

RV: As you may already know, I greatly enjoy cuisine and red wine. However, good restaurants and high quality wines are very expensive. Since I do not enjoy good meals alone, I sometimes invite my friends to famous places for the quality of their dishes as well as their prices. My frequenting these places is certainly the biggest extravagance that I indulge myself in from time to time.

SIM : Which living person do you most admire?

RV: There is no particular personality for whom I have immeasurable admiration. I admired the Pope's will to maintain his ministry in spite of his age and sickness. I also admired Deng Xiao Ping a lot—his finesse, his intelligence, his clairvoyance, his vision of the future. Nelson Mandela also seems to me as a personality worthy of admiration, because he knew how to overcome the challenges in his work for reconciliation, and for bringing the end of apartheid without a civil war. But the person that I most admired was a former president of the French Council, Pierre Mendes-France, who led the French government for a few months in 1954 to 1955. His honesty, his culture, his understanding of human nature, his openness to others had seduced me, so that in 1967 I joined his electoral campaign.

SIM: What talent would you have wished you possessed?

RV: I love music, the violin, the piano, the flute. Unfortunately I do not play any instrument. I would have wanted to have the talent of a musician.

SIM: An interesting question for a Frenchwoman: Who is your favorite French couturier? And who do you consider the greatest among them?

RV: For me, couture, like music and culinary arts, is an integral part of a country's culture. This is true for France, despite there not being many Frenchmen among the world's most famous couturiers. This is true as well for the Philippines, where so many of the young and not-so-young live in vibrant colors. Both men and women are transformed through the fabrics that adorn them, and the shapes that confine them.

For a long time, my favorite couturier has been Yves Saint Laurent and not only for his being a French couturier. I consider him to be the very best of all. The splendor of his fabrics, the diversity of his colors, and the sobriety of his models have been my reference despite my never having bought an item of haute couture. But even wearing something from his ready-to-wear Yves Saint Laurent Rive Gauche collection, it was possible to feel transformed, while remaining at ease and discreet.

Among the other couturiers, I very much admire Karl Lagerfeld and Hanae Mori, a Japanese couturier I discovered while in Tokyo, but who works as much in Paris as she does in Japan.

In Manila, I have been to many fashion shows. I have often found pleasure and charm in them. I think that had Filipinos had more chances to work abroad, they would be capable of producing big names in the couture world.

SIM: What books or authors do you read to relax?

RV: There are many official reports and newspapers that I have to read daily, so there is little time to read novels. But when I can, I enjoy murder-mysteries by P.D. James, Elizabeth George and Patricia Cornwall.

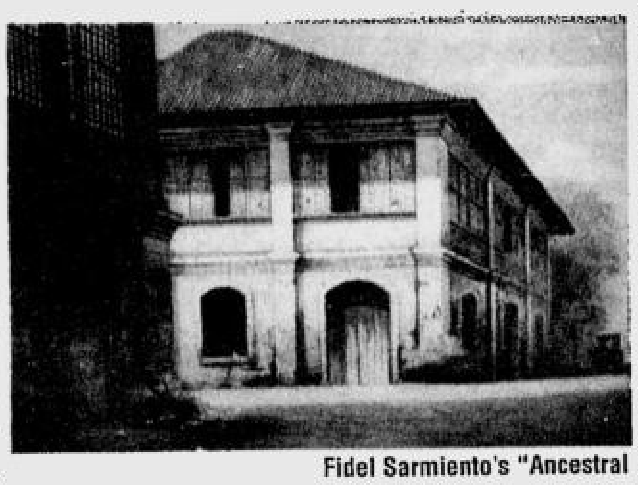
This Week

Art

Two Colors, a back to back exhibit of oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings by Fidel Sarmiento and Kim Eun-Ok until April 30 at Gallery Genesis, 4/L SM Megamall.

Recent Works, an exhibit of works in collage and acrylic by Jim Orencio a Gallery I of the Pinto Art Gallery, I Sierra Madre St., Grand Heights, Antipolo City until May 1. For details, call 697-1015.

Search Mindscapes, landscape paintings by Justin Nuyda at Galleria Duemila, 4/L, SM Megamall A until May 3. For details, call 634-3261.



Fidel Sarmiento's "Ancestral House III," on exhibit at Gallery Genesis

Postcards From The End of The World, an exhibit of paintings by Carlo Angelo Saavedra, until May 14 at Mag:net Gallery ABS, The Loop, ELJ Center, ABS CBN compound. For details, call 410-0995.

Glimpses of Light, a series of black and white photographs by Denise Weldon at the Silver Lens Gallery, Urdaneta Village, Makati City from April 20 to May 25. For details, call 810-6508.

Beyond Formalities, seven young artists from the UP College of Fine Artists namely May Cruz, Ona Lapitan, Carmel Lim, Neil Pagulayan, Mac Pasco, Jaco Payawal, and Ian Quirante will exhibit new artworks at the Edge Gallery, UP Vargas Museum until May 29.

Music

Monique—25 Years In Theater, Monique Wilson's anniversary concert highlighting her theater years in Repertory Philippines, in London doing "Miss Saigon and as founder and artistic director of New Voice Company. Joining Monique as her special guests are Cocoy Laurel, Jamie Wilson, Ugoy Ugoy band and Lynn Sherman. The concert goes onstage at the Music Museum on April 30 at 9 p.m. Tickets are available at all Ticketworld outlets (tel. 891-9999), major National Bookstores, Robinsons Department Stores, Tower Records, Music Museum, Glorietta I and Greenbelt I. For inquiries, call 896-6695 or 896-5497.

Acclamation!, a concert featuring the Philippine Madrigal Singers at the Tanghalang Nicanor Abelardo of the Cultural Center of the Philippines on April 23 and 24. Repertoire includes religious songs and life-affirming anthems, well-loved Madz standards and selections from the oratorio "A Child of Our Time" by British composer Sir Michael Tippet. Tickets available at Ticketworld outlets, CCP Ticket Office (tel. 832-1125) or call 434-8672.

Groove to the music of Boyz II Men as they perform their biggest hits in the concert **Boyz II Men: Live in Manila** on April 23 at the PSC-Ultra with the special participation of Kyla. Tickets available at all Ticketworld outlets (tel. 891-9999). A meet-and-greet with Boyz II Men follows at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel after the concert.

24K, a 19-track selection of all-time favorite tunes reminiscent of the good old days inspired by 99.5 RT's Sunday program. Featured artists are Kalapana ("The Heart"), James Taylor ("Your Smiling Face"); Steve Perry ("Foolish Heart"), Jim Photoglo ("Fool In Love With You") and Rupert Holmes ("Escape—The Piña Colada Song"). It also brings back the smooth jazz of Kenny Loggins and the vanilla soul of Hall & Oates. Now available at record outlets.

Taking centerstage this Sunday at 6 p.m. in **Concert at the Park** is the Gen. Roxas Elementary School Melody Rondalla in a program titled "Philippine String Melodies." To be held at the Rizal Park Open-Air Auditorium. Admission is free.

Onstage

Repertory Philippines goes *Pinoy* in its upcoming comedy **Whose Wife Is It Anyway**. Adapted to Philippine setting, the hilarious comedy tells us of a Filipino congressman and his misadventures, as he goes on a hush-hush romantic tryst unknown to his wife and the rest of the world. The play runs until April 24 at REP's Globe Theater at Onstage in Greenbelt I with evening performances at 8 p.m. every Friday and Saturday, and 3:30 p.m. matinees every Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are available at the REP office (Karrivin Plaza, 2316 Pasong Tamo Extension, Makati City), all Ayala ticketrons and Ticketworld outlets. For details, call 887-0710.

Yasmien Kurdi, one of GMA-7's first batch of StarStruck survivors, will host and sing on **StarStruck Superstar** at Enchanted Kingdom today. "StarStruck Superstar" is a series of shows featuring the StarStruck survivors and the "Pinoy Pop Superstar" singers directed by Freddie Santos. Yasmien will charm the crowd with her personal anecdotes behind the choice of some songs which will be performed "Pinoy Pop Superstar" singers.

Food

Experience food that is doubly good with **TGI Friday's Double Glazed Grill**. There are four delectable main courses—from chicken, ribs, steak to shrimp—plus one mouth-watering dessert. The Chicken, Shrimp and Strip Steak come with cheddar cheese, mashed potatoes and roasted corn while the Pork Rib is served with Friday's very own onion rings. Dine in at any TGI Friday's five branches at Glorietta 3, Robinsons Manila, Hotel Rembrandt-Quezon City, Sta. Lucia East and Alabang Town Center.

Atbp

Brain injury survivors and their families are invited to attend a **get-together** to be held at 3 p.m. on April 23 at 51 Sanso St., Corinthian Gardens, Quezon City. The objective of the meeting is to create an opportunity for the brain injured and their families to be in solidarity with one another, share common experiences, form a community support group, and build a future that provides better care for people with brain injuries. For details, contact Wawel Mercado by e-mail at wawel_mercado@hotmail.com or call (02) 638-1741.

A seminar-workshop on classical, haiku and free verse writing to be held on April 24, at the John Pollock Renewal Center, Ateneo, Quezon City. For details, call number 285-2449 or (0916) 3622406.

Three sequential two-day workshops in **Intensive Journal**, a method of journal keeping, will be given by Sr. Dolores Mitch M.M., journal consultant at Institute of Formation and Religious Studies in Cubao, Quezon City from April 25 - 30. I: Life Context, April 25-26; II: Depth Contact, April 27-28; III: Life Integration, April 29-30. Call 724-7173 / 721-9932 for information/reservations.

A two-day international **conference on Enriching Indigenous Southeast Asian Collections in Libraries** will be held on April 2-21 at the Dusit Hotel Nikko, Makati City. The conference hopes to serve as a forum for the exchange of views and ideas on effective ways of facilitating access to indigenous Southeast Asian collections in libraries and information centers. For registration, call 927-9858 and 926-4708.

The **Ateneo de Manila Philosophy Department**, School of Humanities will conduct a **series of lectures** invites at the Faura AVR, Loyola Heights Campus. Schedules are as follows: Dr. Tomas Rosario, "St. Thomas on Law and Morality" on April 26; Dr. Jovino Miroy, "Ethics and Religion," April 27; Dr. Remmon Barbaza, "Aristotle, Kant and Mill on 'Extreme Situations'," April 28; Dr. Manuel B. Dy, Jr., "Max Scheler's Axiological Ethics, April 29; Fr. Luis S. David, S.J. "Michel Foucault's Ethics," May 2; Dr. Agustin M. G. Rodriguez, "Alternative Ethical Grounds," May 3; Dr. Rainier R. A. Ibana, "The Stages of Moral Development in Habermas' 'Pragmatic, Ethical and Moral Employments of Practical Reason'," May 4. Fees: P200 per lecture, P2,000 for the whole course. For inquiries, call 426-6001 loc. 5360/61 or 426-5665.

Justin Nuyda's "Mindscapes: Banak Series 22" is on view at Galleria Duemila

The **Reading Association of the Philippines** will hold its **32nd Annual Convention** on April 27-29 at the Manila Pavilion in UN Avenue, Manila. The convention will feature lectures and demonstrations in teaching reading integrating technology and developing reading skills in an international language like English and in the national language as well. For inquiries, call Imee Facun at 527-0380 or Dr. Angelita Romero at 0917-6027814.

Corban Learning Center is opening up a new batch of **Easy English courses** to be held every Saturday and/or Sunday starting April 30 and May 1 from 2-5 p.m. The Sunday course will focus on English grammar, pronunciation and conversation; while the Saturday course will include English grammar, pronunciation, Business Writing and Presentation. For inquiries, call 842-6665 and 809-3050 or visit Corban at G/F, MB Aguirre Building, President's Avenue cor. Elizalde St., Sucat, Parañaque.

ECI Systems will hold a **Pollution Control Officer's Training Course** from April 19-22 and May 17-20 at the ECI Training Center, 9/F, Strata 100 Building, Emerald Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City. The course aims to orient/train pollution control officers on the different environmental laws as well as the requirements needed to comply with these regulations. For details, call 637-6626 to 27.

"Glimpses of Light" exhibit by Denise Weldon, on view at Silver Lens Gallery

Photoworks: Class 15, a photography workshop to be conducted by NYFA and NYIP graduate Leo Castillo. Six sessions, Wednesdays and Mondays, 7-10 p.m., starting on May 11 at DPI Photography Center, Jose Escriva Ave, Ortigas Center. Class fee is P4,000. For details, call 0917-8985362.

The **Dreaded Poets Society** is inviting submissions to its first book project, "*Sugod, Mga Kadila*." Submissions must be original Filipino translations of Asian poetry or short stories from their original languages or English translations. Deadline is May 15. Send printed and diskette/CDR copies to "Sugod, Mga Kadila" at RUNES Bar and Restaurant, 265-F Tomas Morato Ave., corner Scout Fernandez St., Quezon City or to the following emails: beckydesiree@gmail.com, clark_militante@yahoo.com and army_craeg@yahoo.com. All submissions must include one page with the translator's name, phone number(s), email and short biodata.

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The **Midwives Foundation of the Philippines** will hold its 4th **Homebirth Conference** on April 22-23 at the Monte Vista Hotspring and Conference Resort, Pansol, Calamba, Laguna with the theme "*Kaligtasan at Kalusugan ng Ina at Sanggol, Kaagapay-Komadrona*." Interested participants may call Paz Gonzaga at 633-8948.

Boyz II Men performs in Manila on April 23

Alumni of **St. Anne Academy**, Piddig, Ilocos Norte are invited to attend the **grand alumni homecoming** on May 13. For details, call Vera at 0920-9118372 or Yolanda Duldulao at 0920-4028047.

The Philippine Society of Youth Science Clubs, Inc. announces that the **National Youth Science, Technology and Environment Summer Camp** will be held on May 21-26 at the Hidden Paradise, Mountain Resort, San Fernando, Cebu. Especially designed for high school students, the camp will focus on the real magic of science today--Biotechnology. Those who want to join may call (02) 920-8174 or (02) 920-9561 or email psysc_inc@hotmail.com.

The Museo De La Salle at the DLSU-Dasmariñas campus in Cavite will host Magayan Tam sa Museo (Let's Have Fun at the **Museo: A Summer Workshop Series**. Kids' Workshop: Papier Mache (April 19); Clay Pottery (April 21); Tapestry (April 25); Stained Glass (April 27); Anime Drawing (May 12). Adults' Workshop: Advanced Painting by Noel Escultura (May 3-5). For inquiries, call (02) 844-7832 or (046) 416-4397.

The **Center for the Arts in San Antonio** (CASA San Miguel Foundation) in San Antonio, Zambales welcomes summer with a wide array of family-oriented performances of all musical and artistic persuasions. Resident artistic groups—shadow players, visual artists, musicians and theater artists—join forces as they present the stage play "*Si Julian, Yung Dagat, Ang Sirena*," on April 23, 30 and May 6. Upcoming violin virtuosi as they take center stage in solo concerts, featuring Joseph Valdes (April 29), Christian Tan (May 6), and Lorenzo Raval (May 13). Casa San Miguel is also announcing its summer workshops for strings, theater, and visual arts for young artists and musicians. Concerts start at 6 p.m. For inquiries, call 903-8657; 933-2392, or 0920-9610320, or e-mail cokebolipata@yahoo.com.

The 888 Fishing Place, a fishing restaurant and bar located at Covelandia Road, Binakayan, Kawit, Cavite, will be having a Fishing Tournament dubbed as **1st Fishing Tourney at the Pond** on May 1. Tournament will start at 8 a.m. The entry fee per angler is P150. For reservations, call (046) 434-0803 or Melay santos at 0915-5638209.

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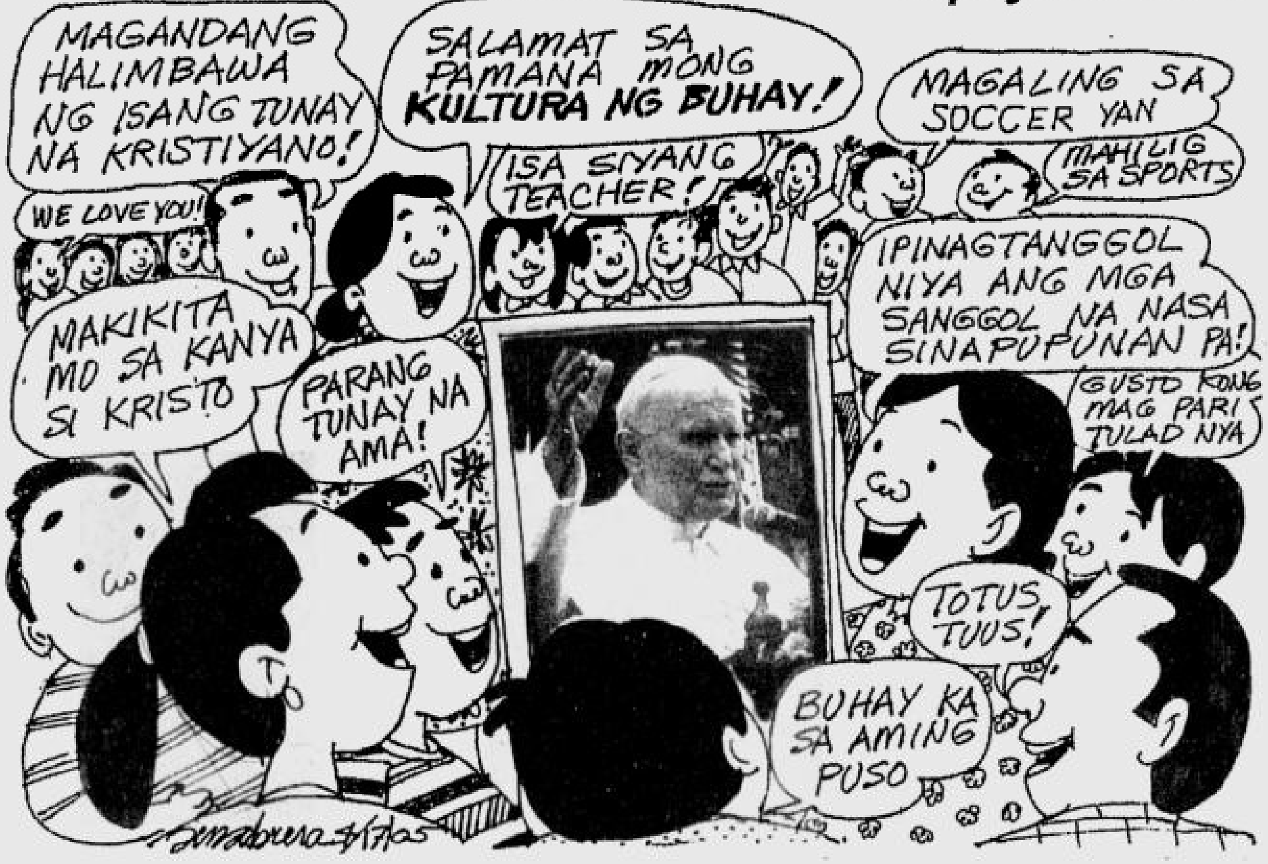
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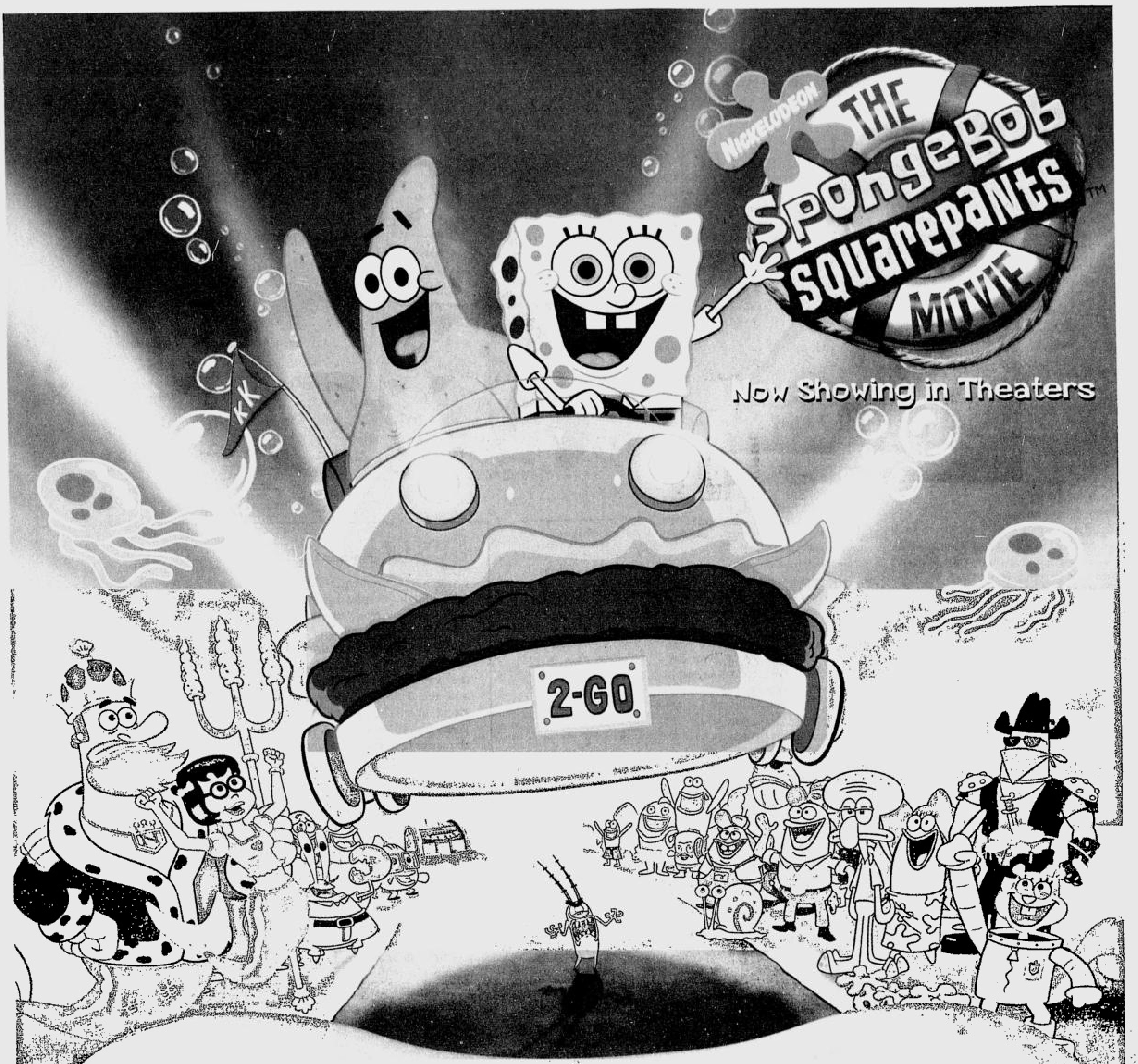
joyed our retirement," she adds with a sigh. Despite her reservations, once he made up his mind, she supported him all the way, she says. The experience confirmed her worst fear: "It's really disgusting, the way Philippine politics works and the kind of money people spend in getting a public office. There are 101 things I've realized about our kind of politics and I feel there should be a change soon."

That's not just the losing politician's wife talking. Roces says she has made it her business to know what's happening in the country because "we're in business. We're in film production and real estate and the news directly concerns us." To keep tabs of the news, she listens to the radio as early as 5 a.m., reads the papers and watches the early evening news. "Just this morning, it was Winnie Monsod talking about the VAT on the radio," she says by way of proving her words.

With FPJ gone, she's had to recast her plans. "Now I have the time to study and learn many things. I want to open myself to new friends and perhaps write books about Ronnie for our grandchildren. I want to do so many things and now I'm racing against time."

But no, her plans do not include any cosmetic procedure. Laughs Roces: "Lines and wrinkles are our assets; they make us credible in our movie roles. Why should we compete with young actresses? Of course when I look at the mirror, those things cross my mind. What if I had my eyebags removed? Then I realize, what for? Personally, if I had one item done, then the rest would have to follow. I might need a total overhaul every five years!"

She's had very few regrets in life, says Roces. "It has been my practice not to blame anybody for anything but I guess it's a normal feeling. When Ronnie died, I told myself, *sana naging* nagger *ako*. I should have told him to stay home, he didn't need to do more movies. I should have become a more demanding wife. But then again, I thought, if I were that kind of wife, would our marriage have lasted this long? Would he have lived this long? So it's useless to regret things. What's done is done." Q



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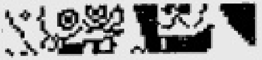
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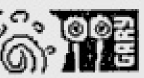
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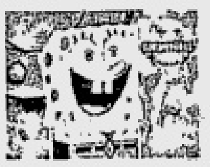
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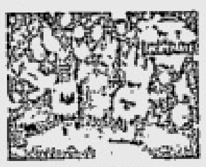
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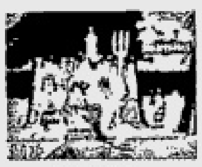
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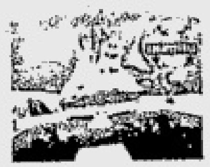
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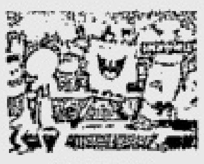
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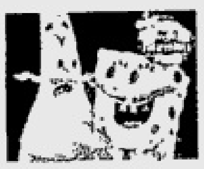
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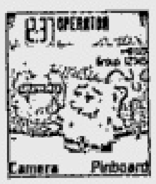
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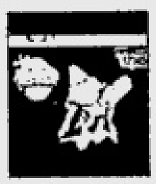
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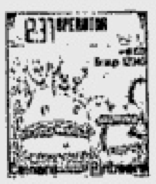
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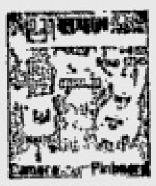
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